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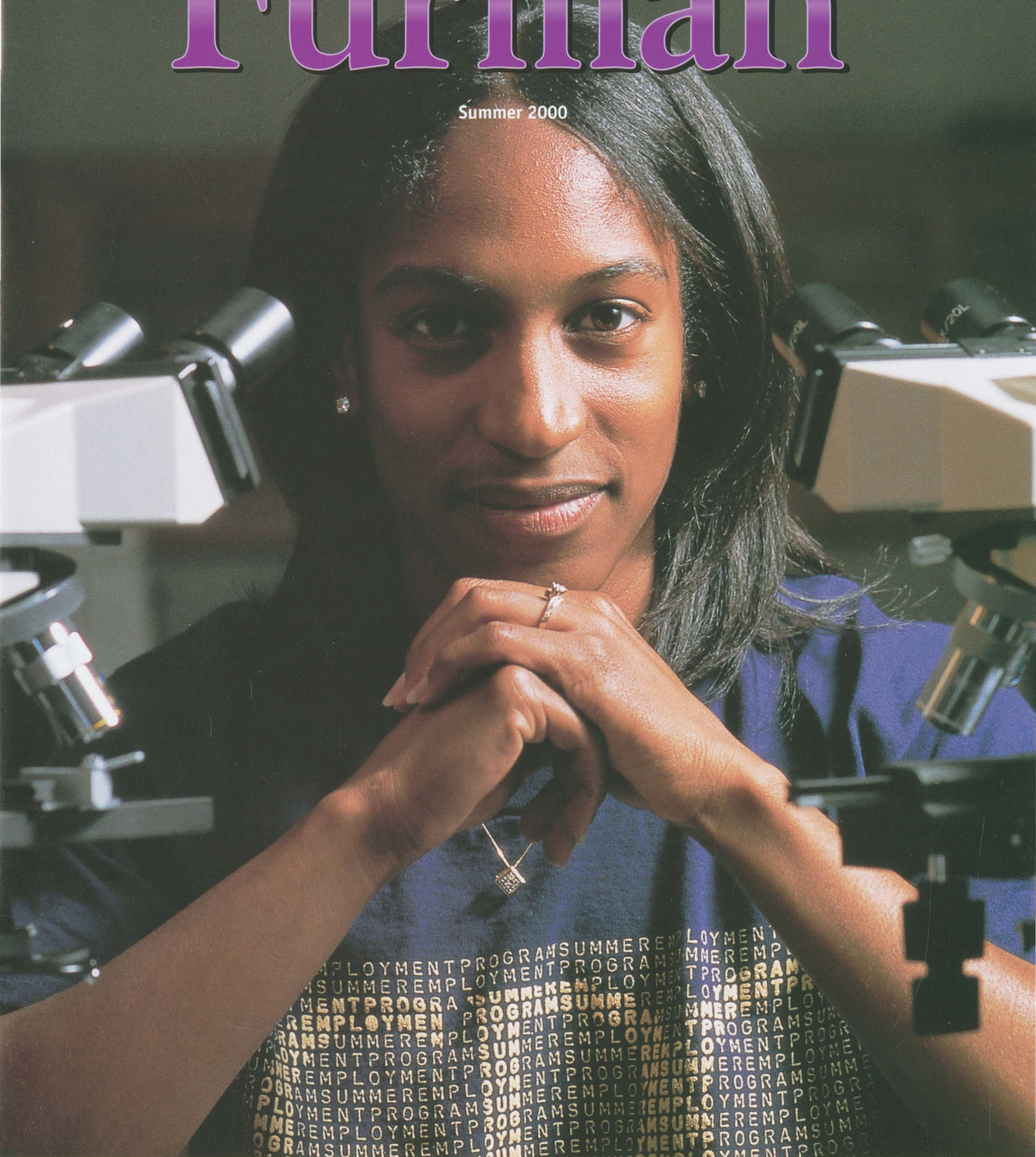
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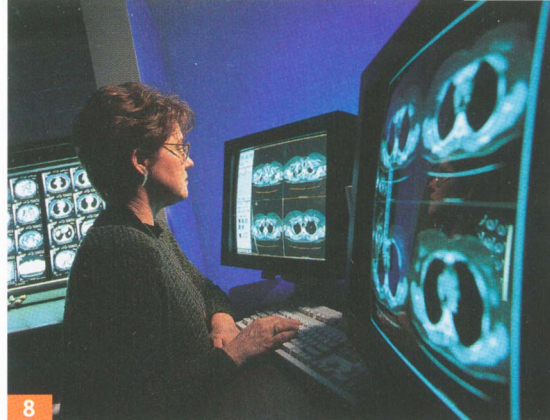
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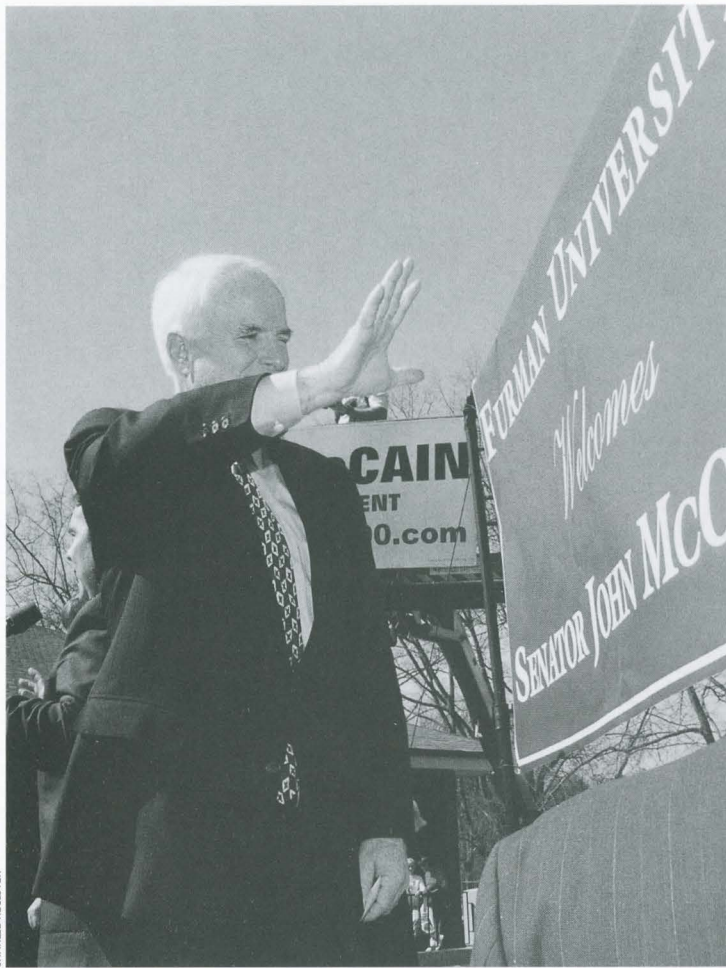
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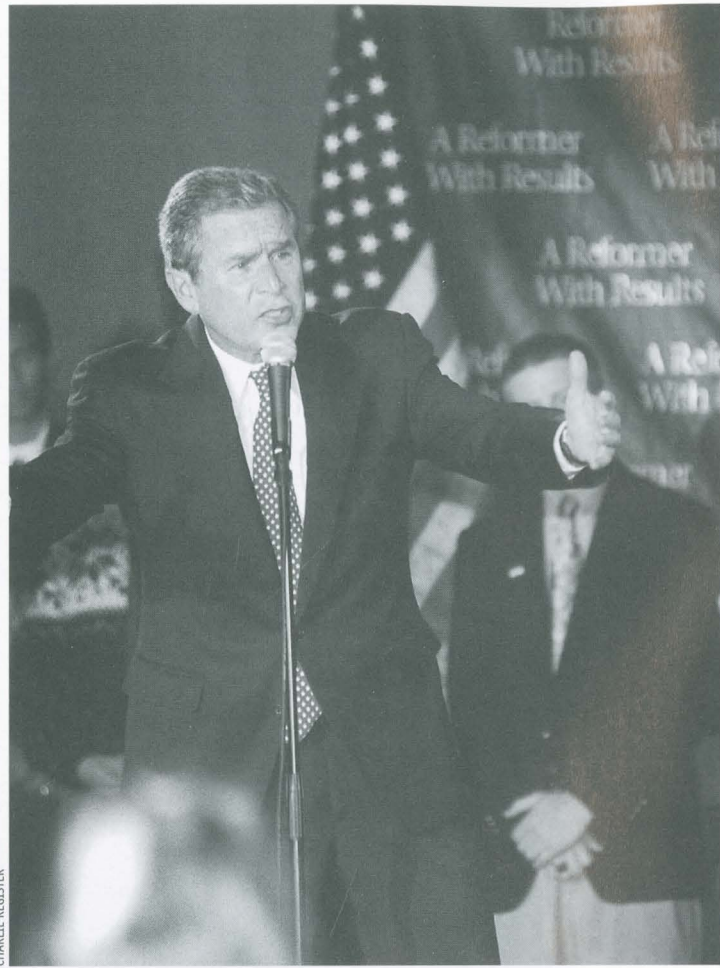
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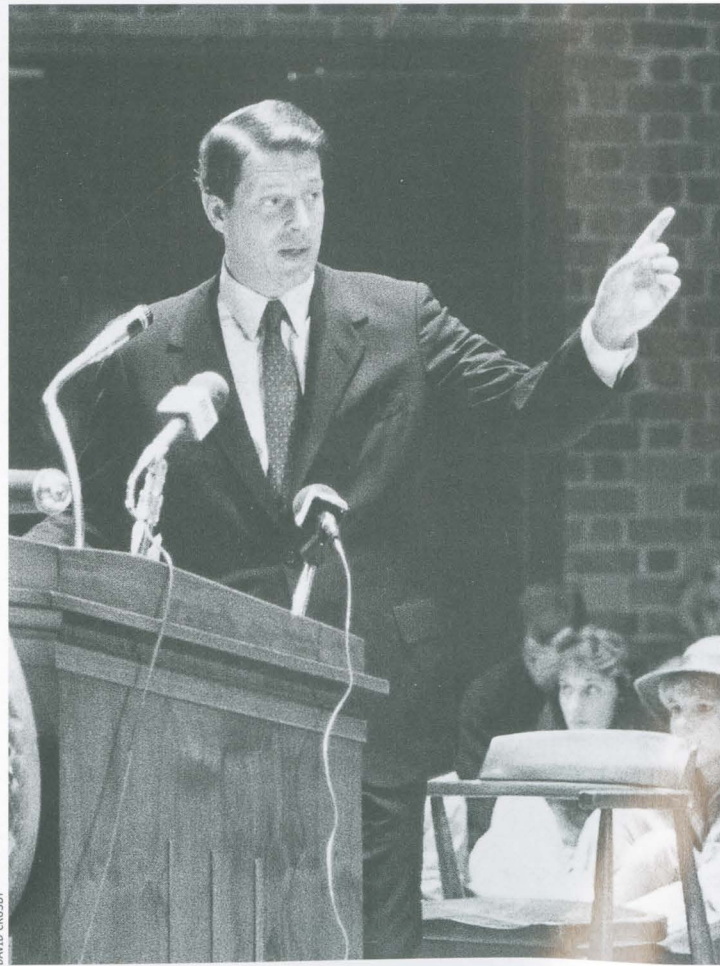
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DAVID CROSSY

The Road to the

White House

The presidential campaign may be shifting into high gear, but much of what we see and hear this fall will have been shaped by the events of the last eight months.

By Danielle Vinson

We heard the rumblings that it was headed our way.

Reporters for national newspapers began calling political science professors throughout the state for a crash course in South Carolina politics. Campaign consultants in Washington began quietly buying up ad time on South Carolina television and radio stations. Voters began receiving mail from the candidates.

On the evening of February 1, we went to bed not fully aware of what would follow. But the next morning, we awoke to a full-fledged stampede as the road to the White House came roaring through South Carolina on the heels of John McCain's overwhelming victory over George Bush in the New Hampshire Republican primary.

For the next two and a half weeks, South Carolinians saw up close the race to become president. Each day the mailbox brought new messages from the candidates and the interest groups that supported them, including dozens of postcards from the McCain campaign alone. The state was papered in yard signs. Radio and television ads reminded voters that McCain would "bring honor back to the Oval Office" and that Bush was a "reformer with results."

Pretty soon the mud started flying. Ads suggested that Bush was no better than Bill Clinton when it came to integrity and that his tax plan was irresponsible; others told us McCain's campaign was "crawling with lobbyists" and that he wanted to give power to "union thugs."

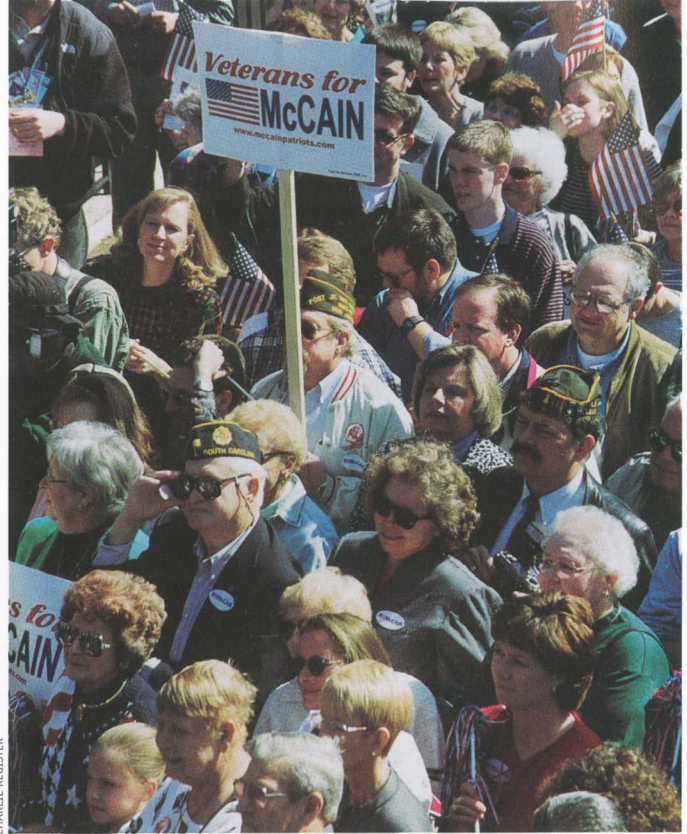
In the midst of the ad war, the candidates were popping up everywhere. They trekked back and forth across the state — to oyster roasts in the Low Country, book signings in the Upstate, barbecues in the midlands — always with smiles on their faces, wanting to meet each of us.

And all of them found their way to Furman, which in the process received a substantial amount of national publicity. First, Alan Keyes stumped in the Mickel Community Square of Johns Hall. Then Gary Bauer endorsed McCain on the patio of the University Center overlooking the rose garden. Finally, Bush wrapped up his South Carolina campaign in the Furman dining hall.

We also found that the road to the White House has a lot of telephones. The messages on our answering machines were endless. Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, wanted us to vote for Bush "for the sake of the children." Charlie Condon, attorney general of South Carolina, asked us to vote for Bush because "he shares our values." Even Democrats, who didn't have their own primary, were encouraged by state Sen. Phil Leventis and South Carolinians for Reform to vote for McCain, while Keyes told us to "vote our conscience." And all of these phone calls ended with the hope that God would bless us.

Thankfully, on February 19, God did bless us as the primary finally arrived, Bush was declared the winner, and the candidates roared off to Michigan, the next stop on the journey to the White House. South Carolina was suddenly old news, and we were left to catch our collective breath and sort through all we had just seen and heard.

While South Carolina had a front-row seat for two weeks of the 2000 presidential race, public opinion polls reveal that most of the country is just now starting to tune in to the campaign. However, the early primaries and the pre-convention lull that many Americans ignored play an important part in the long journey to become president — and foreshadow what will come this fall.



An enthusiastic crowd of John McCain supporters and interested onlookers turned out February 16 for a rally at the University Center. The event drew substantial media coverage when Gary Bauer, who had earlier been one of McCain's rivals for the nomination, stepped forward to say that he was endorsing the Arizona senator, whom he described as the GOP's "best shot" for regaining the White House.

★ ★ ★ Excess Baggage ★ ★ ★

The presidential nominating process in our country has evolved over the years to give the public a larger role in the process. Instead of the leaders of each political party brokering backroom deals to select the party's candidate for the general election, a series of primaries and caucuses now allows the voters to decide the nominee. Presumably, the process produces candidates who are more appealing to voters. The irony, however, is that the campaigning required to win the primaries often burdens the nominees with excess baggage as they head into the general election.

Both George Bush and Al Gore spent part of the summer trying to rid themselves of some of the baggage they accumulated during the nominating process. For Bush, one of the first things to cast off was the reputation he had earned as being too scripted and inaccessible to the press. Although the image may have been a bit unfair — compared to McCain's open door policy with the press, anyone would have seemed inaccessible — Bush needed to ditch this label. Contrary to popular belief, reporters are not nearly as concerned about a candidate's ideology as they are about their ability to talk to the candidate regularly, so they can do their jobs. Bush seems to have overcome this problem by spending more time with reporters on his plane this summer, chatting informally with them during trips.

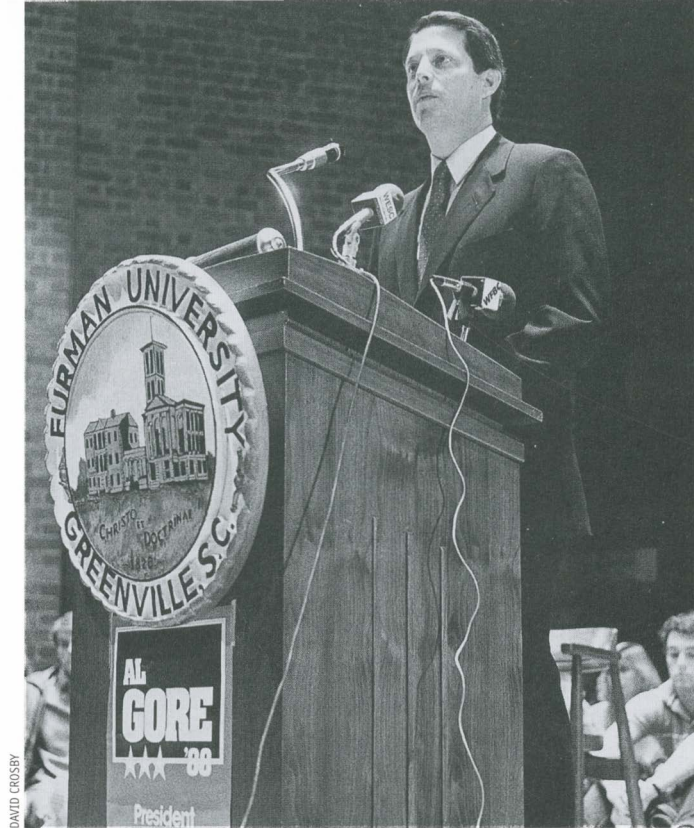
Bush also spent the summer trying to put the compassion back into his self-proclaimed "compassionate conservatism." After the New Hampshire loss, a series of events focused more attention on his traditional conservative positions, and

particularly those issues linked to the Religious Right. He appeared at Bob Jones University, which is not unusual for a politician in South Carolina. But the national press saw this as a change in strategy designed to appeal to religious conservatives. Around the same time, the National Right to Life Committee endorsed Bush, bringing the abortion issue into the headlines.

Although this did energize Republican voters for Bush, he seemed to realize he was not likely to win the general election by being "the conservative candidate." He needed to re-emphasize his theme of compassionate conservatism to gain the support of moderates and independents who are suspicious of the Religious Right. To this end, Bush used much of the summer to highlight his stands on such issues as education, health care and Social Security. News reports followed his lead.

Gore has also tried to rid himself of some unwanted baggage. The press has long considered him boring, and the Democratic primaries did little to change this image. The televised debates between Gore and Bill Bradley were steeped in complex policy nuances and contained little levity. At times, both candidates were compared to pieces of furniture. In this media age, where the lines of news and entertainment are often blurred, such an image can be lethal to one's chances of becoming president.

Consequently, Gore embarked on an effort to show his more personable side and to shed his boring persona. During the summer, he made more appearances with his oldest daughter and his wife, both of whom are livelier with audiences — and bring out the lighter side of Gore. In terms



The Democratic primaries were not as intense as those on the Republican side, and Al Gore didn't even campaign in South Carolina. But the vice president had actually visited Furman before: in October 1987, during his first run for the presidency. Sen. Gore of Tennessee spoke to a packed house in Daniel Recital Hall, as students filled both the seats and the stage.

of strategy, it was easier to put them in front of the audience and let Gore laugh at their comments than for Gore to develop a sense of comedic timing.

While the summer and the conventions have given the candidates opportunities to shed some of this negative baggage, other issues and actions will not be so easily cast aside. Bush will have to deal with continuing fallout from the Bob Jones visit and his willingness to defer to states on the Confederate flag issue. He must also try to eradicate his image as a policy lightweight, which wasn't helped when he flunked a reporter's quiz about the leaders of various countries. Although Bush probably has a better understanding of policy than he is given credit for, he has tried to deal with questions about his grasp of the issues by joking in a self-deprecating way and claiming that he will delegate to the experts he hires. (This, of course, is easier than actually learning all the policy details.)

For Gore, more problematic than being boring is his reputation for being mean-spirited. This side of Gore emerged during the primaries, when he decided to attack Bradley after Bradley became a serious threat. Gore began the summer using the same tactics against Bush. When Bush made a proposal, Gore labeled it "risky" and suggested that Bush was "unethical" for supporting some of these policies. Gore defended himself by saying he was delineating the differences between his positions and those of his opponents, but his aggressive style and the personal nature of some of his attacks have been in stark contrast to the relatively upbeat tone of both Bradley and Bush. Although Gore's negative strategy was successful in the primaries, voters, and particularly independents, have been turned off by negative campaigning in recent years.

★ Expanding the Entourage ★

In addition to redefining themselves and disposing of some of the excess baggage from the primaries, the candidates must begin to expand the entourage traveling with them on their journey to the White House. After all, the one with the most fellow travelers on Election Day historically has become president. The nominating process encourages candidates to appeal to members of their own party, but winning in the fall requires moving beyond the party. Bush and Gore have both attempted to expand their partisan bases.

McCain, who attracted many independent and Democratic voters (confirming that one does need Republican support to win the Republican nomination), had no sooner suspended his campaign than Gore and Bush began wooing his supporters. These mostly moderate voters could be pivotal in a close election, and because they are not strong party loyalists, it is not clear which way they lean, making them a worthwhile target for either candidate.

Both Bush and Gore have taken steps to win these people. Both have spoken with McCain and have praised his leadership on different issues. Bush and Gore have also adopted McCain's language of reform. Oddly enough, Gore has advocated a version of McCain's campaign finance reform. No, he has not forgotten about the pictures of him with the Buddhist nuns at a Democratic fund-raiser in 1996. Instead, he has pointed to them and the Clinton Administration's difficulties with this issue as evidence that reforms should be welcomed by all. Bush, too, has talked about reform, but rather than campaign finance, he has stressed the need for changes in education and Social Security.



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Alan Keyes was the first of the Republican candidates to visit Furman this year, speaking to about 125 people February 3 in the Mickel Community Square of Johns Hall. Keyes, who was an ambassador to the United Nations during the Reagan administration, asserted that he was the most genuine conservative among the candidates and could best meet America's moral challenges.

Bush and Gore have also reached out to Hispanic voters, many of whom are relatively new to the political process. Hispanics comprise a growing voting bloc and have become an important population in several states with large numbers of electoral votes, including Texas, Florida, California and New York. As both candidates address Hispanic groups in Spanish, we can also expect them to advertise on Spanish language stations during the fall campaign. In fact, Bush began running an ad this summer targeting New York's Puerto Rican population. It features his nephew, who is Hispanic. The ad has run in both Spanish and English.

★ ★ ★ What Lies Ahead ★ ★ ★

Most of the American public is just starting to pay attention to this journey to the White House. Much of what we will see has already been tested in the primaries and during the summer. So, what can we expect in the coming months?

First, the debates between the candidates should be revealing, not so much in terms of their policies as in their styles. Their strengths and weaknesses will be on display. We will see how well Bush's strategy of joking about his lack of knowledge and his plans to delegate the details will work compared to Gore's command of policy. Likewise, we will see if Gore's substantive knowledge will overcome his mind-numbing presentation when contrasted with Bush's upbeat delivery and self-deprecating humor. Both men have a temper, and the debates will be a good forum to watch how well they control their anger when challenged or misrepresented.

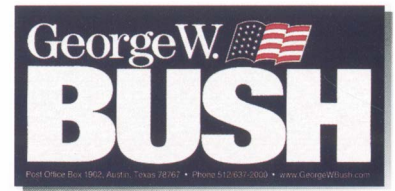
A second area that will be worth watching is how the candidates use different types of media. We have become accustomed to the air war during campaigns, the bombardment of radio and television commercials. However, the ground war is rapidly becoming the most interesting facet of campaigns. Candidates and groups who want to influence elections have found that more direct, personal communication with the voters is effective — and increasingly easier. Voters nationwide can expect mail, and those in the battleground states, where the outcome is unclear and the electoral votes are numerous, can expect phone calls and visits. In addition, e-mail has become an important way of communicating with voters.

Which brings us to a third issue: the involvement of political parties and groups outside of the candidates' campaigns. We have heard a lot in recent years about "soft money," the unlimited contributions to political parties that are supposed to be designated for "party-building activities." In the wake of court rulings, the parties have been able to interpret a wide range of activities as party-building, including ads that make it clear, without explicitly saying so, which candidate the party hopes voters will choose.

While the candidates cannot formally coordinate with the party on the content of these ads, the commercials can be helpful to candidates. Beginning this summer, the Democratic National Committee spent money in key states on ads that criticize some of Bush's proposals and provide background information supportive of Gore. The Republican National Committee responded quickly with its own ads. In recent years, the candidates have been happy to let the parties do much of the attacking during the campaigns.



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JOHN ROBERTS

A packed crowd enjoyed an indoor fireworks display February 18, when George W. Bush concluded his South Carolina primary campaign with a rally in Daniel Dining Hall. The building survived the histrionics, and Bush's victory the next day helped blunt the momentum McCain had built in New Hampshire and served as a turning point in the Texas governor's drive for the Republican nomination.

Beyond the parties, interest groups, individuals and other organizations have increasingly used independent expenditures to wage their own campaigns on behalf of candidates. Some have been very visible, choosing the traditional route of television and radio ads to support or attack a candidate. But many of them prefer the ground war. To mobilize voters they use such strategies as push polls, which are telephone surveys that feature loaded questions designed to influence rather than measure public opinion. They endorse candidates in mailings to potentially sympathetic voters and circulate, through the media, Internet or e-mail, information that may or may not be accurate.

The Christian Coalition is known for its effectiveness in mobilizing its members; Bush would be the beneficiary of a major push by this group. Gore expects help from labor unions, and indications are that he will get it. Some unions have November 7 (Election Day) written into their contracts as a holiday, which not only makes it easier for their members to vote but also provides a vast army of volunteers to help the Democrats get people to the polls and conduct last-minute campaigning.

The independent efforts of parties and groups can have a tremendous impact on the campaign. These groups' activities affect the strategies of the candidates, who have to respond to information these organizations inject into the campaign. Because voters cannot always tell where the candidates' control ends and that of outside groups begins, candidates may be held accountable for things these independent groups do. While the plethora of information provided during the campaign may be useful to voters, the trick is figuring out who is paying for the mailings, phone calls and ads — and

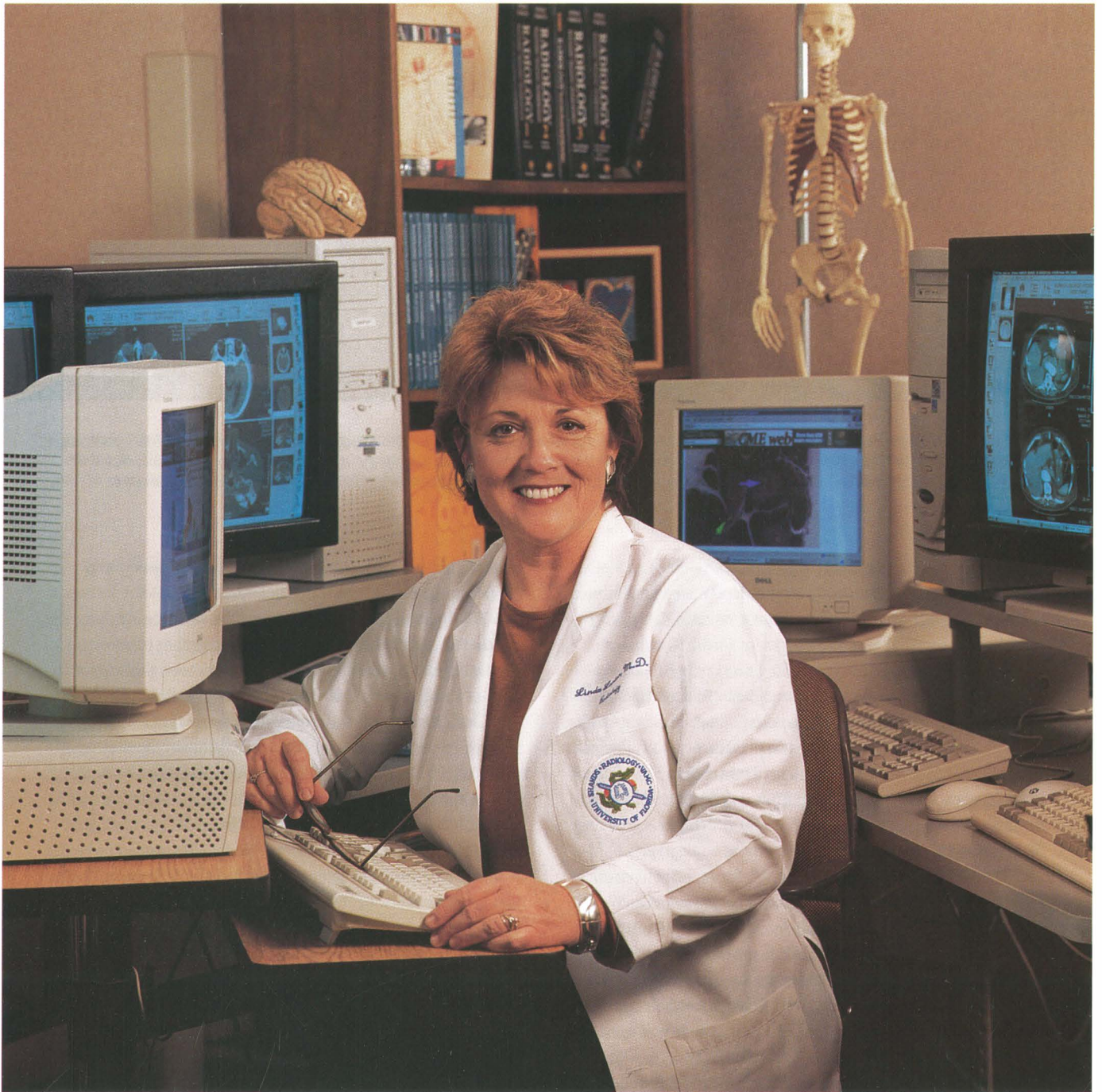
who should be held accountable for their accuracy and fairness.

Finally, there are the "forgotten" travelers in this process — the third party candidates. With limited exposure and resources, none of these candidates will have the sort of impact Ross Perot did in 1992, but they could force Bush and Gore to take a few detours to keep factions within their respective parties on track. For Bush, probable Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan could lure away protectionist elements within the Republican Party, and for Gore, the threat is that some union supporters might find Green Party candidate Ralph Nader an attractive option. Neither Buchanan or Nader is likely to win electoral votes, but in the battleground states, just a few percent of the electorate going to a third party candidate could decide whether all of the state's electoral votes go to Bush or Gore.

While the entire country will feel the effects of the campaign and watch it unfold, there are a handful of pivotal states that could go to either candidate and that have large numbers of electoral votes — California, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio, for example. The journey to the White House will go directly through these states.

For those of you living in one of these key Campaign 2000 battlegrounds, consider yourselves warned. That rumbling you hear will soon be a full-fledged stampede. Your peace and quiet will return November 8. ●

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Images of Success

THROUGH HER WORK IN ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING, LINDA LANIER PROVIDES A WEALTH OF MEDICAL RESOURCE MATERIAL TO PHYSICIANS, HEALTH-CARE STUDENTS AND CONSUMERS ALIKE.

By Susan Hensel Dixon, APR

When Linda Lanier, M.D., began teaching in 1989, scarcely more than 100 medical students enrolled in her courses. Now, through the electronic publishing company founded by a former student, Lanier's classroom population is measured in the millions.

Lanier, a 1971 Furman graduate, is a tenured associate professor of diagnostic radiology at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, with expertise in mammography and women's imaging. In May of 1999, she took on a second job as executive producer of the Integrated Medical Curriculum for Tampa-based Gold Standard Multimedia (GSM).

Four days a week, Lanier works with medical educators all over the world, helping them publish their work electronically for audiences of health-care students, professionals and consumers. While the job of executive producer may seem to be somewhat out of character for an academic physician, Lanier's new role fits her as precisely as a compact disk in a computer's CD drive.

"I've always had a wide range of interests and an amazing array of opportunities in my life, and I've always been willing to explore them," says Lanier with unmistakable enthusiasm.

Charting a new course

The origins of her latest venture go back to 1990, when Lanier began teaching radiologic anatomy at the University of Florida. Lanier points out that Florida was the first school to offer the course, a first-year, first-semester medical school class designed to introduce students to diagnostic imaging and to teach anatomy through the study of CT scans, X-rays, sound images, plain film radiographs and contrast studies.

"Before we began offering it, students learned about radiology indirectly from ward experiences or physician sources other than radiologists. The first formal course in radiology they could take was a senior elective offered in the fourth year," she says.

Because no textbook for the course existed, Lanier had to design the teaching materials herself, developing a library of film reference images for students to use. This collection of images sparked the imagination of first-year student Jon Seymour.

"Students had to share the images," recalls Seymour, now an M.D. and chairman and president of Gold Standard Multimedia. "There weren't enough materials to go around. Plus, they were oversized and unwieldy. That's when I realized it would make sense to put the materials into a multimedia format."

"Jon came up to me and asked if I would be interested in capturing the images from my course on videodisc so they could be accessed on computer," adds Lanier. "Now it seems like ancient technology, but at the time it was very avant-garde."

What began as an effort to collect materials to teach a course ended up being a three-year project. Lanier's co-authors for the course were Seymour and Richard Rathe, M.D., a Florida faculty member and computer informatics expert.

When Lanier and her colleagues first demonstrated the multimedia program at a meeting of the Radiologic Society of North America, it attracted much positive attention and received the organization's Cum Laude award. "We were astounded at the interest in it," she says.

The computer-aided instructional program was so unique that it was selected

by Apple Computer, Inc., for a national tour during its "Higher Education Briefings" in 1993 and 1994. It also received a second-place award at the 1994 World Congress on Biomedical Communications Media Expo and was chosen for permanent display in the National Library of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

"Producing Radiologic Anatomy opened my eyes to the possibilities of multimedia technology applied to medical education," says Seymour.

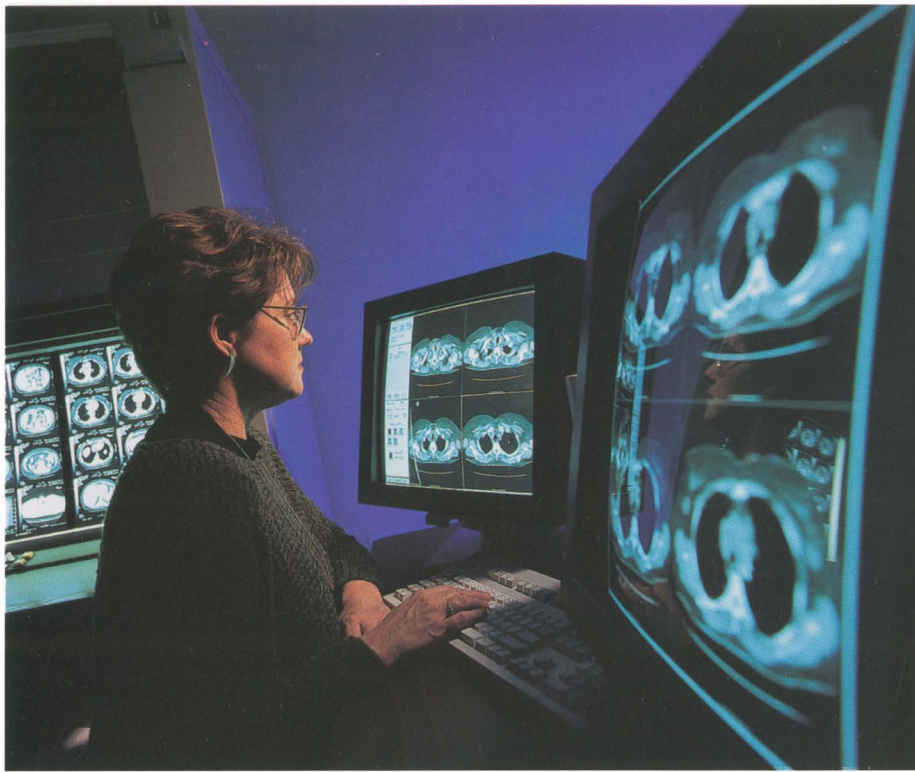
Seymour went on to complete his M.D. degree but decided to forego a residency to focus on building Gold Standard Multimedia, the high-tech medical education and information company he founded with James Lowy, Esquire, in 1992, while still a student.

The Radiologic Anatomy course became GSM's first product and is currently in use in medical schools, radiology residency programs and radiology technologist programs. Additional medical education software courses, authored by other physicians and educators, soon followed.

After her initial foray into multimedia publishing, Lanier went back to being a "regular professor" at the medical school. But she kept an eye on her former student, Seymour, whom she calls a true visionary. "He understood that electronic medical education was coming before many people really knew where the technology was headed."

Educator role expands

Lanier continued to practice under the auspices of the University of Florida and Shands Hospital, also in Gainesville, as an academic physician, instructing students and residents in diagnostic radiology. She served in the dean's office



as chair of both the admissions and academic status committees and worked for three years as director of Shands' Park Avenue Imaging Center. Along the way she garnered numerous awards, including "Teacher of the Year" honors in the College of Medicine four years in a row.

Active in the Association of University Radiologists and the Radiological Society of North America, she is a frequent lecturer at national and state medical conferences on a variety of topics, including computer-assisted learning programs and breast cancer. She has been an instructor at the University of Florida's annual mammography review courses for the past four years.

"I've always enjoyed combining patient care with teaching and developing teaching materials," says Lanier. "But I've seen the shift in health care as academic centers have moved toward more of a business model. When my administrative work began to take precedence, I felt that I was missing some of my teaching opportunity. There was a time squeeze between clinical pressures and teaching — and for me, teaching was losing out."

The opportunity to apply her teaching expertise and flair for developing educational media for the medical field drew Lanier back into business with Gold Standard Multimedia. Now she sees patients only one day a week and spends the balance of her time on GSM projects.

"The beauty of this arrangement is that it has freed me to devote time to a variety of educational projects, plus I get to spend more time with students," says Lanier.

Gold Standard Multimedia launched its Integrated Medical Curriculum (IMC) last August, with Lanier as its executive producer. She says, "It's the first program ever to link together the study of anatomy, physiology, histology, immunology, medical ethics and pharmacology on a single Internet site. The site provides health-care students and professionals, as well as consumers, free access to a wealth of medical resource materials."

Seymour says Lanier's stature as a pioneer in the field of multimedia courseware, combined with her devotion to excellence in medical education and experience with medical school administration, made her the ideal candidate for the executive producer role.

Lanier says her job is "to work with other authors and to help them publish electronically. Most of them are still very unfamiliar with the terrain of electronic publishing. I provide an avenue of communication between the medical authors and our technology experts. Because I am familiar with both worlds, I can understand what the medical faculty are trying to get across and can translate to the programmers. We're all on a learning curve, a steep learning curve, toward understanding Web-based publication."

As executive producer of Gold Standard Multimedia's Integrated Medical Curriculum Web site (www.imc.gsm.com), Linda Lanier says, "It's exciting to think about how far the company has taken technology and how much opportunity there is to expand it."

Focus on academic excellence

Lanier says that "a lot of people are putting stuff on the Web, but Gold Standard Multimedia is committed to publishing only credible materials. So my role is to work with authors of substance — academicians seeking to publish their work electronically. That requires assessing the materials, reviewing authors' credentials, and getting peer reviews before they can publish."

Lanier adds that although many "e-health sites" can be found on the World Wide Web, the layperson doesn't always know whether a site is providing accurate information or not. "My mission is to produce and publish academically sound health-related materials for medical students, allied health students, physicians and allied health professionals, and laypeople. Our published materials are much like textbooks or journal articles, but with the added value of animation, sound and video clips."

In addition to its free on-line content, which is supported with advertiser revenue, the company markets its products on CD-ROM in medical bookstores and to institutions through site licenses. GSM medical education products are now used in more than 95 percent of American medical and osteopathic schools, Lanier says.

But the real power of GSM's multimedia educational materials is that a user has access to all of the company's medical programs. "For example, someone studying the dissection of the heart in the Human Anatomy program can, with the touch of a button, easily jump to a CT scan image of a normal heart in the Radiologic Anatomy program, then take a look at what a normal heart muscle looks like under a microscope in the Microscopic Anatomy program," she says. "They can continue their study by checking animations of heart function in the Essentials of Physiology program, check out medications used to treat heart disease in the Clinical Pharmacology program, or participate in an interactive discussion

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on the issues surrounding patients with terminal heart disease.”

Lanier says a program is currently being developed to demonstrate basic clinical skills. “We’ll show a student how to look into a patient’s ear, instead of just using photos and text,” she says. “We can demonstrate how to hold an otoscope and what to look for.

“Soon, we hope that we will be able to develop a way for students and physicians to also hear heart sounds, to take a virtual journey through the chambers of the heart as though they were a red blood cell or practice taking care of a simulated heart patient in the ICU.”

As for the multimedia aspect of the program, Lanier says that it “allows the use of audio, video and animation, providing a more robust experience for the student. As producer, I’m involved in planning that experience, as a bridge between the authors and the programmers.”

And she sees another benefit of on-line educational technology versus printed textbooks. “If the data changes today, we can change it on-line today. And it’s much easier to update the ‘harder’ CD versions periodically than it is to reprint thousands of hardbound books.”

So, is there a downside to all this technology?

“There is conversation in the educational world about the growing impersonalization technology can create,” Lanier says. “But in my experience as an educator, having materials in multimedia format enhances the learning experience.

“There’s no question that ‘hands-on’ practice is still necessary. There’s no substitute for listening to how a heart sounds, for having an actual physical presence with patients. But what electronic learning materials do is optimize the time students spend with faculty and patients. We’re still learning what technology can offer, and we’ll continue on

that learning curve. But the technology is already here, and we need to embrace rather than resist it.”

Scanning the future

What’s ahead for Lanier and her relationship with the leading edge medical publishing firm?

“The company believes that the future of education will revolve around electronic publications,” she says. “Students not only know how to use the technology; many universities require them to have computers. And the students of today are the physicians of tomorrow. When I made the decision to work with GSM, I could already see that the future of education will be heavily centered around electronic resources.”

Lanier says that her work with GSM has generated “phenomenal” response. “Students love it. They tell us, ‘You saved me on the last exam,’ and they suggest other product features to us. Medical faculty and physicians are using it, and eventually we will have materials available for all allied health fields, undergraduates, the med student level and up through continuing education.”

As she teams up with the pilots of GSM’s cyberpublishing endeavors, Lanier sees technology advances ahead that promise substantial new markets.

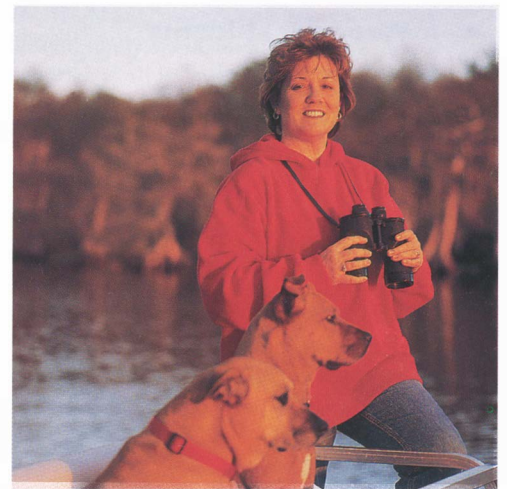
“We’ve discovered a huge amount of interest in our medical reference materials from the general public,” she says. “We know that consumers in general are interested in e-health sites, and we’ve found that we don’t have to tailor the material to present it in lay terms. People want the level of detail we provide.

“One of the trends that goes along with consumer use is the increased availability of high-speed Internet access for home users. Right now, most users find it easier to use the Web site from locations with high-speed connections, and if they want to use the programs at home they

use our CD-ROMs. That will change in the not-too-distant future, because of the growing demand for residential high-speed access.

“And when those home users sign on, the Integrated Medical Curriculum will be there for them.” ●

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Lanier, who majored in religion at Furman, worked in public relations and television before enrolling in medical school in the early eighties. To unwind from her busy schedule, she enjoys outings on Florida's Lake Norris with friends Bonz and Bogart.

Tried & true

Internships may be the oldest engaged learning activity on campus, but they remain a popular method for students to examine their academic and career interests.

In 1996, few had heard the term engaged learning, save perhaps the architects of Furman's strategic plan.

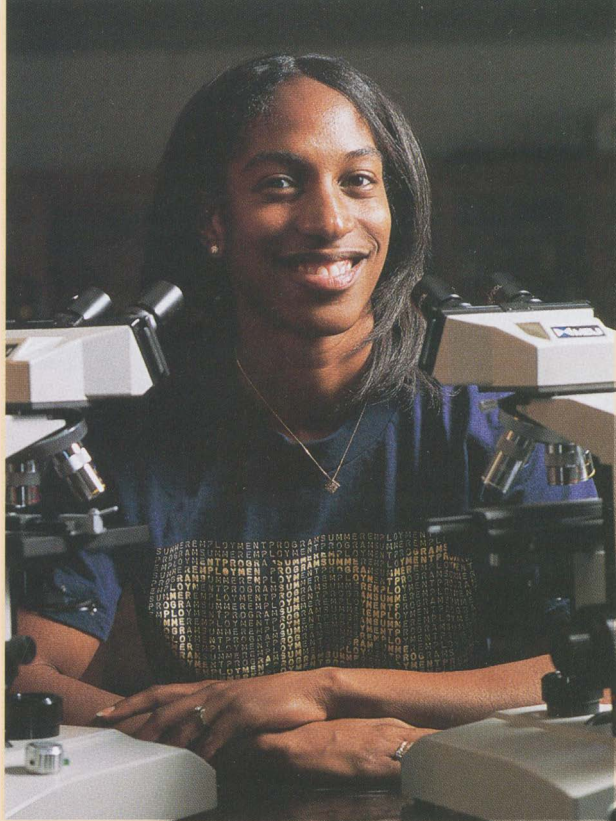
While the university community was familiar with internships and undergraduate research and the new importance being placed on the use of technology in the classroom, the connections among these activities remained unrecognized. Finding a term that encompassed all of these activities and declaring it to be the centerpiece of the strategic plan was the primary charge of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Four years later, engaged learning is engrained in the university's psyche as the defining characteristic of a Furman education. The university has described engaged learning as a problem-solving, project-oriented and experience-based approach to the liberal arts. True to the vision of its progenitors, engaged learning takes a holistic approach — it emphasizes a variety of activities rather than concentrating on one or two, recognizing that engaged learning takes different forms in different disciplines. Building on the cornerstone of the flagship Furman Advantage Program (which had developed strong undergraduate research and internship programs) and on the university's study abroad offerings, engaged learning expanded to include service learning, a technology initiative, and active learning in the classroom.

This commitment has been backed with resources from the university and with generous donations from The Duke Endowment and the Hipp family of Greenville. In 1996, the Furman Advantage Program supported 30 research students; today, it funds 40 students. During the same period, the number of Furman Advantage interns increased from 20 to 30. Student stipends for both programs also increased. Additionally, new programs to support engaged learning opportunities for minority and high-ability students were established. In 1998, the Christian A. Johnson Center for Engaged Learning was created to coordinate and champion engaged learning activities on campus.

The strategic plan has focused Furman's resources on engaged learning, and the Class of 2000 was the first to see it move from periphery to center. The vignettes that follow showcase the significant role that the oldest engaged learning activity on campus — the internship — had in the undergraduate experience of five students and the impact the internships had on their career plans.

— **Glen A. Halva-Neubauer**
*Director, Christian A. Johnson Center
for Engaged Learning*



Medical practice

Angela Highbaugh says she has always been interested in the field of medicine, but she points to an incident when she was in the ninth grade as a defining moment in her decision to pursue a medical career.

She had broken her arm and was in the hospital, sharing a room with a younger child. As she awaited treatment, Highbaugh recalls a doctor entering the room and informing her roommate's mother that because the family had no insurance, they would have to go elsewhere. The mother argued that she was insured but that the paperwork was unavailable and her husband, who could explain, was out of town. The doctor was unmoved, and the child was required to leave.

"I couldn't believe this sort of thing could happen, especially to a child," says Highbaugh, who received her Furman degree in mathematics this spring. "It made me realize how important it is for patients to feel that the doctor cares about treating them and not just their illness."

Highbaugh, who aspires to a career in pediatric medicine, begins pursuit of her goal this fall at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga. She believes she is well prepared for the challenge ahead; in addition to her coursework at Furman, she spent two summers as an intern at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Her job title was "office automation clerk," but Highbaugh says that the internship offered her access to doctors and medical personnel that might not have been available had she interned in a laboratory setting. She was able to accompany doctors on "grand rounds," attend sessions where outbreaks of diseases were discussed and analyzed, contribute to the investigation of an outbreak, and attend a public health conference featuring Nobel laureates.

"I'd had a lot of lab work at Furman," she says, "and I felt this type of position would allow me to talk more directly with the medical staff at CDC about what they did and how they did it. It was an opportunity to be involved in the medical field from a different perspective."

Many of the epidemiologists at CDC, she discovered, had started in pediatrics. "They were eager to help and to answer my questions," she says. "I saw in-depth what this aspect of medicine was like, and I had access to a huge library of medical texts and journals. The CDC looks out for its interns, and it was a wonderful way to make contacts in the field."

At Furman Highbaugh participated in a wide range of activities. An all-Southern Conference sprinter on the track team, where she specialized in the 400-meter dash, she was also president of the Student League for Black Culture, an academic tutor and a soup kitchen volunteer. She

was elected to *Who's Who* and to Senior Order, the honorary women's leadership organization.

Highbaugh says her athletic experience was, in many ways, an internship experience all its own. "You definitely learn to budget your time," she says, "but you also come to understand the value of being involved in something where you feel supported, where you believe someone's backing you. So it's important to be honest and to keep the lines of communication open."

"The same applies to medical school. If things become difficult, you need to recognize this and find help — and to be there for others if they're in a similar situation."

— Jim Stewart

Children's advocate



The Washington Program, established by Furman's political science department in 1980, has provided more than 500 students the opportunity to work in government and policy-related internships.

The jobs help students understand the inner workings of government and gain valuable contacts in Washington, D.C. Most of the internships are with governmental agencies or law firms.

So it was unusual when **Raegan Woodson** chose a different path.

During the summer of 1999, while many of her Furman classmates dashed off in suits and office attire to work in big office buildings, Woodson put on more comfortable clothes and commuted to a much different part of the city.

An urban studies major with an interest in non-profit service agencies, she signed on as a volunteer and intern at a pediatric center that cares for children whose lives have been affected, in one way or another, by the HIV virus.

Woodson, a native of Lawton, Okla., spent much of her internship coordinating an after-school program for the children at the clinic, which is located in a

disadvantaged section of the city. Much of her time, she says, was spent interacting and playing games with the children. When she wasn't working directly with the children, Woodson wrote grant applications, answered the phones and provided administrative assistance to the small staff.

Some of the children at the clinic were infected with HIV; others had a family member stricken with the fatal virus. She says she grew to love the children, many of whom turned to her for counseling, affection and guidance. Woodson even attended the funeral of one 8-year-old's mother who had died of AIDS. She calls the period "a real time of brokenness."

The job's 12-hour days left her exhausted, but it also expanded her horizons and exposed her to a world that most Furman students would never see. It was a harsh but eye-opening form of engaged learning.

At night, she and her Furman friends would recap their days and discuss office politics and workplace gossip. "My roommates would tell me about troubles at their job, and I would just think back to what some of those children were going through," Woodson says. "The job really put things in perspective. It wasn't

something that I was physically or emotionally prepared for."

Woodson persevered, though, and earned rave reviews from her supervisors. More importantly, she found her calling.

After she completed the internship and returned to Furman last fall for her senior year, Woodson could not escape thoughts of the clinic and the children. "I just can't wait to get back there," she said this spring. And now she is.

Woodson, who graduated in May, has returned to Washington with Americorps, the domestic Peace Corps, and is continuing her work with children affected by the HIV virus. She hopes eventually to attend medical school and ultimately become a public advocate for these children.

— John Roberts



By the numbers

The summer before his senior year, **Teodor "Tedo" Simeonov** suddenly discovered that he had an unusual amount of power.

Wherever he worked, department heads and managers were at his beck and call. You see, Simeonov was an auditor for the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor.

"People pretty much have to do what you tell them to do," laughs Simeonov, whose nine-member team conducted several audits of state-funded agencies, including the University of South Carolina, where his specific duty was to scrutinize the financial records of the school's athletic department. He also helped audit several school districts, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture and the State Ethics Commission.

The accounting major's internship was supported by the Furman Advantage, a program in which the employer and Furman share the costs associated with the internship. "It could be really intense at times, but all of your work was checked and rechecked by other accountants," says Simeonov, a native of Bulgaria.

The previous summer, he helped audit several small non-profit agencies as an intern with Greene and Finney, LLP, a Greenville firm. As part of that internship

he traveled the state with four other accountants, conducting audits of fire stations, police stations and small school districts. The workdays were long, with his calculator often running from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The internship with Greene and Finney was funded through the Francis M. Hipp Internship Program. Named for a Furman alumnus and former Liberty Corporation chair, the program supports about 18 internships each year.

Simeonov says that the internships, particularly the one with the Office of the State Auditor, helped him "get a really good idea of how different aspects of a business all work together. The internships gave me real life experience, much different than class," he says.

They also helped him clarify his professional interests, which are international business consulting and accounting.

Simeonov, who speaks four languages (Bulgarian, English, Russian and German), was introduced to Furman by Diana Dimitrova, a 1994 Furman graduate who was his American Studies teacher in Bulgaria.

Once he arrived, he quickly became a well-known figure on campus. As a part-time employee of Computing and Information Services, he helped many

members of the faculty and staff with their computer problems. He also worked in the Admissions Office, conducting summer campus tours.

Since earning his Furman degree, Simeonov is off to a fast start on his career path as an employee of Elliot Deddorfer, LLC, a subsidiary of Elliott, Davis & Company, where he works in the international division. He provides consulting services to European-based automotive suppliers that do business with BMW and Michelin.

His talents seem to be a perfect match with the Upstate's growing international business climate. He's happy in Greenville and has enrolled in additional accounting classes at Clemson University. But he says that someday he may return to his native Bulgaria to put his business experience to work.

"There's a world of opportunity out there," he says.

— John Roberts

Journalistic license



When **Mollie Auran** of Kent, Ohio, graduated from high school four years ago, she knew that she wanted to pursue a career in journalism. She wasn't so sure, however, about which college she should attend.

The University of Missouri, which has one of the finest journalism schools in the country, had offered her an attractive scholarship package. But she also firmly believed that Furman offered her something she couldn't get at Missouri.

"I decided to come to Furman because I didn't think a journalism degree would make me a smarter person," Auran says. "I felt like I couldn't start writing and learning how to be a journalist until I knew more about everything. And that's really why I came to Furman — to learn more about everything."

As it turned out, Auran's choice couldn't have been better. Not only did she get her liberal arts education, receiving a degree in communication studies and philosophy this spring, but her internship experiences ultimately landed her a job with the CBS News program "48 Hours," a position that would make any journalism graduate envious.

The course for Auran's career path was set in the spring of her freshman year. As part of an introductory philosophy class,

she was required to observe a "real-world situation" and write a paper about how it related to what she had learned in class. Because she was interested in journalism, she chose to observe at WHNS-Fox 21, a Greenville television station.

As luck would have it, the station was looking for an undergraduate intern. So Auran went to work right away, editing tape for the weekend shows and doing whatever else was needed. She worked approximately 20 hours per week during the school year and put in 40-hour weeks during the summer.

After her sophomore year, she decided it was time to push the internship envelope. She visited Charles Brock, Furman's assistant dean for undergraduate research and internships, and perused his "internship bible" for the most "competitive" thing she could find — which turned out to be a summer internship with CBS News in New York.

Auran didn't have high hopes. More than 3,000 people applied for just a few spots, and she was competing against some of the best and brightest journalism students in the country. But few could match Auran's experience outside the classroom, and she got the call to go to New York.

"I had a better chance than I thought," she says. "After all, how many college students have worked at a professional TV

station in one of the largest markets in the country?"

Auran was assigned to the news program "48 Hours," and her summer in New York was everything she hoped it would be. She met Dan Rather, saw Andy Rooney every day in the CBS cafeteria, and worked long, hectic hours during the coverage of the John F. Kennedy, Jr., plane crash. Several of the stories she helped research made it to the air.

CBS News was pleased with Auran's work. After she finished the 1999 fall term at Furman, she returned to New York over the holidays to help the network with its millennium show. And once she finished her degree requirements following winter term, she joined "48 Hours" full time as a member of the research and development staff.

"I feel my liberal arts background has given me a better understanding of the issues that are involved in the news," says Auran, who returned to campus for graduation exercises in May. "It prepared me well for what I'm doing now."

— Vince Moore



Heeding the call

Throughout his four years at Furman, **Ethan Friddle**, who graduated this spring with a degree in religion, worked in a variety of intern and volunteer programs in preparation for a career in the ministry.

His assignments took him to the Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville, N.C., the Safe Harbor Shelter for Battered Women in Greenville and the Palmetto Emergency Boy's Shelter. He pursued a number of other internships through Furman's Church-Related Vocations program.

One CRV internship took him to United Ministries of Greenville, where he counseled prostitutes, drug addicts and troubled teen-agers, some of whom had been kicked out of their homes or removed by the Department of Social Services. Friddle found that one of the main difficulties in this internship was gaining the trust of those he tried to counsel; not everyone was interested in his advice or his attempts to minister to their needs.

Friddle also worked as a chaplain intern at the Palmetto Baptist Medical Center, where he counseled patients and family members. Many patients had no family — and again, some were more receptive to his offer of help than others. "You never knew what to expect," he says. "Many of

them were very ill, and sometimes I would return the next day and enter a room only to find an empty bed."

Friddle was one of two Furman students chosen for a Duke Endowment internship in the summer of 1999. After working for a time at Endowment headquarters in Charlotte, N.C., Friddle moved to an urban Methodist church in Charlotte, where he served as a youth minister for a racially mixed group of children, adolescents and young adults. The program provided the residents of the area a safe, secure place to play and to grow. Friddle describes himself as a role model and, in some ways, a father figure for the younger boys and girls, many of whom had no father.

The group included a number of Cambodian-Americans who exposed Friddle to a different culture — and to the Buddhist faith. Of these young people, for whom he felt great admiration, he says, "They had a strong sense of honor and shame. They did not want to offend anyone." He says this was especially evident when, even though they practiced a different faith, they attended the Methodist church services each Sunday.

Friddle encouraged his charges to become involved in their community and to participate in service projects by arranging for them to work on old houses

or distribute canned goods. To him, this was an opportunity to have a positive influence on young people at an impressionable age.

Friddle says his internships introduced him to many different perspectives on life and the ministry, while increasing his understanding of people and heightening his interest in helping the less fortunate. As he says, "You can't help others if you don't know or understand where they are coming from."

The son and grandson of ministers, Friddle, a native of Black Mountain, N.C., describes his internships as "motivational, because I dealt with these experiences in the present, not as some future activity. I could keep preparing myself for the ministry through personal study, but without being engaged in these activities, I don't think I would be able to succeed."

After returning to Black Mountain for a year, Friddle hopes to enroll in Princeton Theological Seminary and pursue a Master of Divinity degree. ●

— Lori Helms

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Furman's Language House provides students an optimal living and learning experience — while bringing the world a little closer to campus.

By William Allen

An academic course that meets in a college dorm? Post-It Notes bearing foreign words stuck on all your kitchen appliances? Sharing a bathroom with your teaching assistant? Greeting your roommates in the morning by saying “Guten Tag” or “Hola”? Having your grades based, not on quizzes or tests, but on the way you live your life?

These are just a few of the ways that Furman students and faculty are breaking out of the mold of the traditional college course in the Furman University Language House. For students in all foreign languages taught at Furman, the opportunity now exists for linguistic immersion, an optimal language-learning experience that previously was available only during study abroad. With the invaluable support of teaching assistants from all corners of the globe, Furman students have a place where they can recreate some of the benefits of living abroad — most particularly, daily practice in using Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Spanish.

On-campus linguistic immersion is not a new concept in American higher education. It has existed for decades in some form or

another at a variety of colleges and universities. The model institution in this regard is probably Middlebury College in Vermont, whose summer language schools have had students signing its no-English pledge for years. The native-language “informant” who lives with students to serve as a linguistic and cultural resource is a key element in such programs.

What sets the Furman program apart is the integration of the Language House living experience with a four-credit-hour academic course in contemporary foreign culture. While the specific focus of the course may vary from language to language and year to year, the idea is to create a context for practice in the target language. “We wanted the Language House to have an academic component; we want our students to take it seriously,” says Jane Chew, professor of German and director of the Language House in its initial two years.

Students agree to live in the Language House for an entire academic year, during which they are also enrolled in the culture course that meets weekly from September to May. The concept meshes neatly with

Furman's effort in recent years to introduce courses that feature an experiential element and take learning outside the traditional classroom environment. The Language House's experiment in engaged learning goes a long way toward blurring the distinction between classroom and dorm room, study time and downtime.

For the nearly 100 students who have lived in Furman's Language House since its opening in September 1998, the living-learning combination has exerted a powerful draw. Says Kate Hamel, a biology major and premedical student from Santa Maria, Calif., “I took Spanish for three years in high school. I like to keep it up so I won't forget it. I think it will be valuable in the health care field.”

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (MLL), sponsor of the Language House, had long dreamed of providing this kind of opportunity for its students. But the lack of suitable space for such a program was a major obstacle — until the North Village residential complex, which opened in 1998, was proposed.

Furman president David Shi was an early supporter of including a living-learning center in North Village. He says, "The concept of a holistic living-learning environment enabling our students to immerse themselves in the study of a foreign language was a perfect fit with Furman's commitment to engaged learning." The availability of funds from The Duke Endowment for start-up costs made the dream a reality.

An MLL committee met with the architects of the project several times over a period of months to create a space that would foster language learning. One of the four-person residential units in the apartment-style North Village was configured not as living quarters, but as a classroom and study center to be used exclusively by Language House residents in adjacent apartments.

The result is a space that can support multiple activities. A spacious seminar room for classes also serves as a cinema several times a month, thanks to the big-screen television in the corner, complete with a VCR capable of running American and foreign video formats. A smaller "club" room provides a more intimate setting for informal

conversation, watching videos, or foreign-language broadcasts through the SCOLA network. A kitchen and dining area is used frequently as students prepare meals for in-class dining or coffee for study breaks. And on one end of the library/computer lab, students can select copies of magazines such as *Paris-Match* or *Stern* to read at the broad study table, while students on the other end use one of four computer workstations to search the World Wide Web for foreign language news.

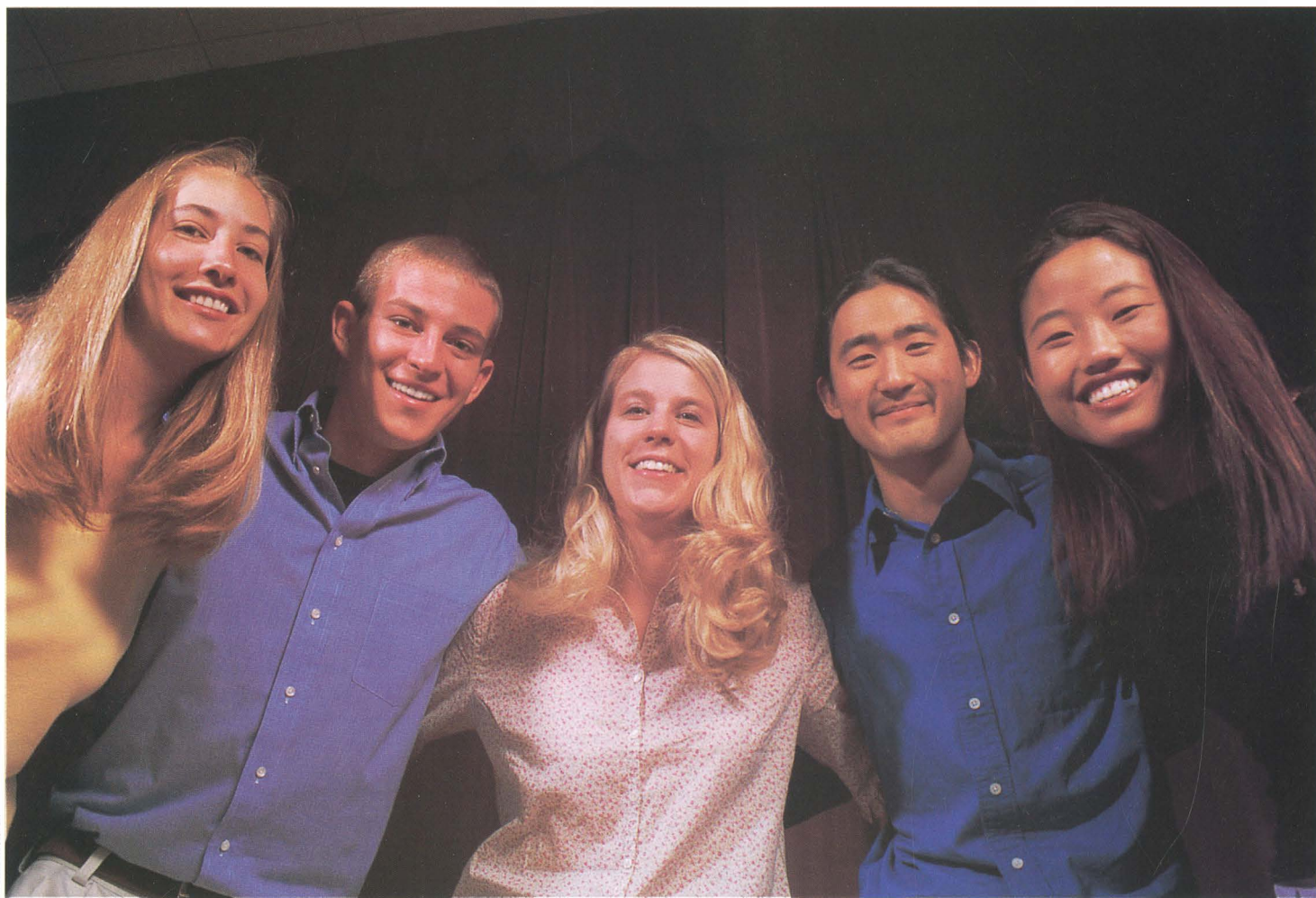
The supervising faculty working with each Language House group have dispensed with conventional quizzes and tests, and classes may meet as naturally in a Chinese or German restaurant as in the seminar room. Jon Howarth, a sophomore computer science major from Florence, S.C., appreciates how the Language House course offers something different. "It's not a standard course where you learn and then are tested," he says. "Here you learn and then apply it directly to a situation. You use the vocabulary, talk about a topic, make comparisons, things like that."

Christina Buckley, a supervising professor in Spanish, found that her most successful Spanish House students began

to flourish when they realized that they were being encouraged to learn for the sake of learning. "It seemed to us that they developed along the way a much deeper understanding of what liberal arts really means and a much stronger sense of enrichment and fulfillment through self-motivation and guided independent study," she says. And students come to realize that in the final analysis, they get out of the course what they put into it.

Students make a commitment to use the foreign language daily, whether they're reading the morning's newspaper headlines on-line, writing in journals, conversing with housemates or seeking out the native-language assistant for help on a particular assignment. Participation in weekly class discussions is essential, as is the final project, which takes the dual form of an in-class presentation and written paper to be handed in at the end of the course.

Almost all participants agree that the main benefit of the course is the improvement they make in conversational skills. Jeff Larkin, a sophomore computer science/German major from Lilburn, Ga., says, "I can describe Language House as

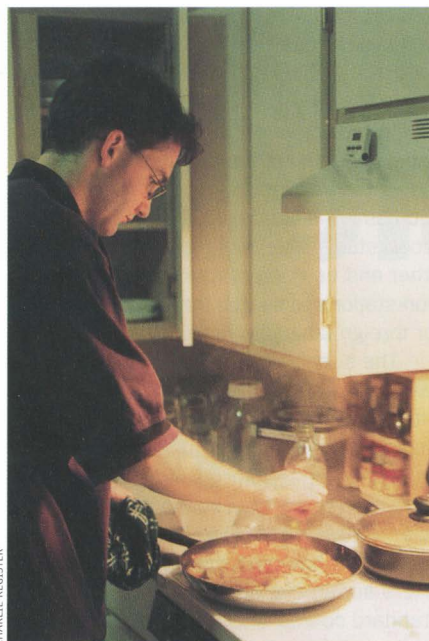


Approximately 100 Furman students have taken part in the Language House program since it began in 1998. Representing the five languages in Furman's 1999-2000 Language House are, from left, Melissa Rekas '00 (Spanish), an economics major from Columbia, Md.; Jon Howarth '02 (German), a computer science major from Florence, S.C.; Kelly Davidson '01 (French), a French major from Lawrenceville, Ga.; Hiroki Komoto '01 (Japanese), a biology major from Gainesville, Ga.; and Elizabeth Shen '02 (Chinese), a political science/Asian Studies major from Roebuck, S.C.

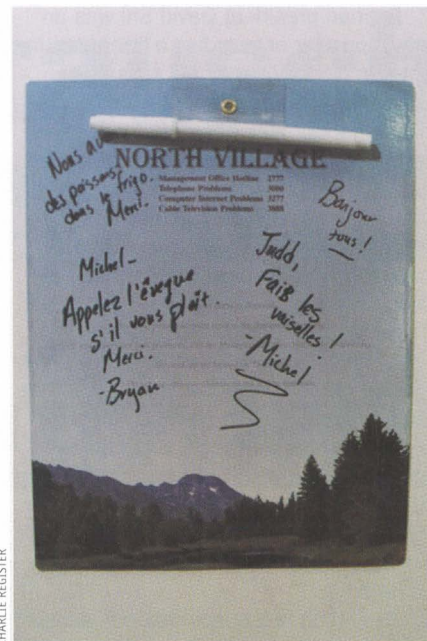


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Left to right: German House residents discuss current events in the conference room of Estridge Commons; Erik Madsen dabbles in haute cuisine for his French House cohorts; despite occasional grammatical errors, French House residents communicate as much as possible in French (it is to be hoped that Judd did the dishes); a pleasant spring day offers Japanese House students the chance to meet in the North Village outdoors commons.



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constant learning. If you try to speak and make an effort to improve, you'll be amazed at how much you learn. It keeps coming back to you throughout the entire year. You won't have to look up as many words. Each week you feel more and more comfortable." Laughing, he agrees that living in a foreign language can present challenges. At first, he says, he and his roommates "were making up German-sounding words" to communicate; as time passed, the words came much more easily.

The Language House can function either as a supplement or as a substitute for the kind of experiential learning that takes place during Furman's programs abroad. Like the study abroad programs sponsored by Modern Languages and Literatures, Language House is open to majors and non-majors alike. Some students choose to live in the Language House when other academic requirements make it difficult to be away from campus for a term. Others use it to prepare for or extend the study abroad experience. Howarth and Larkin used their year in the German House to beef up their language skills in preparation for their trip to Bonn this fall. Another group of four who bonded together in Versailles last fall will spend this year sharing a French House apartment.

And for international students, whose enrollment at Furman represents their own brand of study abroad, Language House has been a natural place to find a niche in the company of American students who are interested in foreign cultures.

Betti Rösszer, a former vice president of Furman's International Student Association, just completed her senior year as a resident of the German House. In addition to the chance to practice her

German outside the traditional classroom, she found the cross-cultural composition of the 1999-2000 German House to be especially invigorating. Other than the American residents, the house featured students from Bulgaria, the Philippines, Sweden, and Betti herself, who hails from Környe, Hungary.

Hiroki Komoto, a rising senior majoring in biology, grew up in Gainesville, Ga., but learned Japanese from his parents. For him, the advantage of the Japanese House was the opportunity to maintain and share his foreign language skills as well as to increase his knowledge of Japanese culture: "In case I go to Japan, I want to be able to communicate with my relatives there."

Most everyone agrees that the heart and soul of the Language House are the Language House Assistants, or LHAs. These native speakers are chosen each year to assist the supervising faculty as teaching assistants in the classroom, as well as to promote and maintain use of the language outside of formal class time. The LHAs are typically three to five years older than the residents of the Language House and are pursuing master's-level study in their home countries.

Each LHA lives in an apartment with students studying his or her native language. In addition to the teaching responsibilities of the Language House course, LHAs are also in charge of organizing extracurricular activities open to Language House residents and non-residents alike. In 1999-2000, these activities included a film series in French and German, presentations on the European Union, a regular campus radio show broadcast in French (featuring French popular hits), and weekly informal gatherings

at the University Center's lakeside Tower Café.

These new opportunities for using foreign languages on campus come on top of others that have existed for years, such as the weekly language tables in the dining hall, but the presence of native speakers who are actively involved in promoting the use of their native tongue has brought a new vitality to old traditions. And yes, the LHAs do make appearances in conventional classrooms. They audit courses in a variety of disciplines and are often invited to be guest speakers in language and culture courses, where they share their talents and knowledge with a larger Furman audience.

Most Furman students in the program cite their association with the LHAs as the most beneficial aspect of Language House. Adam Baslow, a probable business/Spanish major from Vero Beach, Fla., shared an apartment with Jorge Jiménez Ramirez, a Spanish LHA from Madrid. "I've learned a ton from him. He's a wealth of Spanish knowledge," Baslow says, adding that Ramirez often took the time over afternoon coffee to explain and analyze some of the more subtle points of Spanish thought and behavior.

Ramirez, who has an M.A. degree in teaching Spanish as a second language, enjoyed the experience as well. "The students can learn more in Language House than in other classes if they really try. Many little things come out: food, music, informal expressions, even 'bad' expressions! It's very important; they'll need it in Spain!" The LHAs often work one-on-one with students as they research and write their class projects, helping them track down useful sources of information, offering suggestions on grammar and vocabulary,



and correcting pronunciation for oral presentations.

The impact of the Furman Language House extends far beyond the students who live there; it has enriched campus life in general. For years the university's study abroad programs have sent students around the world. Now the world is coming to roost in North Village, creating a true foreign exchange.

Some of the LHAs who have worked in the Language House in its first two years were recruited using contacts established through Furman's study abroad programs. The happy result is that friendships formed on one side of the world may continue in succeeding years on the other.

For instance, Betti Rössler was delighted when a friend she had made in Bonn, Cornelia Graebner, became the 1999-2000 German assistant. And Gaëlle de Carmantrand, whose family has served as host to several Furman students in Versailles, enjoyed seeing some of them again when she came to live in the French House. This fall, back in France, she'll be looking forward to greeting many of the friends she made in Greenville when they come to her hometown for the term.

The only problem: everybody going to France wants to live with the de Carmantrands! 🍷

William Allen, who has taught French at Furman since 1987, earned his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina.



The Language House Assistants, who live in the residence halls and serve as teaching aides, are considered the heart and soul of the program. In 1999-2000, they were (from left): Gaëlle de Carmantrand, Jorge Jiménez Ramirez, Cornelia Graebner, Yanhong Zhu and Masakiyo Fujita.

An international view of Furman

What's it like to come to a small, private American college when you're accustomed to large, public universities in Europe or Asia? The Language House Assistants from the 1999-2000 session offer their impressions:

Gaëlle de Carmantrand (Versailles, France)

Gaëlle was surprised by the electronic equipment American students have: a television, a VCR and a computer with Internet connection in every room! She was also amazed by the working conditions for students compared to France, where, she says, "You have to stand in line for two hours to get into the library, then stand in line for two more to get a book, only to find out it's not the one you need." She was also impressed that American students were willing to speak to her and to each other in a foreign language. "They have great motivation. In France even our English teacher never spoke English with us outside of class."

Masakiyo Fujita (Hiroshima, Japan)

"Massa" was struck by the beauty and small size of Furman's campus. He found it an easy place to make friends and to meet people, noting that at his university in Japan no students live on campus, because there are no residence halls. In his free time, Massa enjoyed playing soccer and traveling to points as distant as Washington, D.C., Key West, Fla., and New Orleans. Because he was the only LHA who owned a car, he was much in demand. "Massa is our lifesaver!" proclaimed one of his colleagues.

Cornelia Graebner (Bonn, Germany)

Perhaps because Cornelia had already spent a year abroad in England, she was surprised by Americans' reactions to her. "Americans are not really used to foreigners," she says. "If you are a foreigner, people think you're from another planet." But she found ways of breaking down barriers, particularly by helping to organize such well-received extracurricular activities as the International Student Association poetry reading and a program on current issues facing the European Union. Like all LHAs, she was

somewhat taken aback by the lack of public transportation in Greenville and by Furman's dry campus. But she's looking forward to seeing many of her Furman friends when they come to Bonn for fall term.

Jorge Jiménez Ramirez (Madrid, Spain)

"This was a very good year," says Jorge, beaming as usual. Although, as he says, "I came to another world, another country, another culture," living with Americans was much easier than he thought it would be. Of course, there were differences to discover. He was surprised, for example, by American attitudes toward energy use. He says that for the first month he was constantly walking around the apartment after his roommates had left, turning off the lights, the television and the CD player. But he enjoyed the opportunity to work and interact with American students in preparation for a career teaching Spanish to foreigners.

Yanhong Zhu (Shanghai, China)

The opportunity to take classes alongside Furman students enabled Yanhong to discover that some of her preconceptions about Americans were not quite accurate. "I thought the States would be like 'Growing Pains,' that the students would never study and only party and have fun." She found that professors do indeed give lectures and plan their syllabi in advance, and she was "amazed" by the library: "The books are so well-ordered, interlibrary loan is so neat, and the library Web pages connect to so many other sources of information." So pleased is Yanhong with American education that she has decided to prolong her studies abroad by enrolling in the East Asian Studies program at the University of Southern California.

— William Allen



A Poet Remembered

Reflections on Bennie Lee Sinclair '61, South Carolina's poet laureate from 1986 until her death on May 22.

The last time I saw Bennie Lee Sinclair was on January 7. I met her and her husband, the potter-carpenter-inventor Don Lewis, for lunch at the Pizza House in Travelers Rest. They'd arrived early, so they could maneuver Bennie Lee's wheelchair to a vacant booth before the noon crowd arrived.

While we were eating our salads and sandwiches, we chatted about our gray hair and our more colorful memories. Near the end of the meal, I said I couldn't believe I'd already spent close to a quarter-century in South Carolina. Bennie Lee, who'd lived in the Upstate all her life, smiled and said *she* couldn't believe she was 60 years old. She'd never expected to live so long.

It was a mild, sunny afternoon, the first week of winter term. We drove in separate cars to campus, where Bennie Lee would visit my class: a course in South Carolina poetry that would begin with the work of the state's poet laureate.

I guided her wheelchair from my office to Furman Hall 106. Bennie Lee seemed distracted — the side effects, I suspected, of the immunosuppressant drugs she'd been taking since her kidney transplant in 1993. Her lifelong diabetes had also affected her vision, greatly impairing her ability to read. The students sat in silence. What in the world were they thinking?

After class, they eagerly flocked around her wheelchair. She'd managed to make her physical frailty underscore the strength of

her commitment to her art — even though she'd stumbled through poems that I'd heard her recite so gracefully, on so many other occasions.

The first occasion was in the summer of 1977. My wife, Barbara, and I had just moved from upstate New York to Greenville County. Although we weren't yet in the phone book, Bennie Lee had called to welcome us to South Carolina. She also asked me to represent Furman at an upcoming reading by Carolina women in the (now-vanished) Burgess Lounge of Watkins Student Center.

Although I felt a bit uneasy about emceeding a program by a group of poets I'd never met, either on paper or in person, I agreed. Bennie Lee was a difficult person to refuse, even by telephone. I'd never heard a voice quite like hers — a blend of Southern courtesy and Appalachian grit. And she probably told me she'd studied with Al Reid, the Furman professor whose death in 1976 had created the faculty position that I would soon be attempting to fill.

I remember being relieved to find Watkins Student Center on that insufferably hot afternoon — I still wasn't very familiar with either South Carolina summers or the Furman campus — but I don't remember anything that I said in my welcoming remarks at the poetry reading. I hope I was polite and reasonably coherent. I'd probably remember if I'd frightened anyone off.

Bennie Lee's own reading struck me as very strange at the time. She carried to the podium the actual magazines in which her poems had been published. It was a formidable stack, rather precariously balanced. In my own experience, poets *never* read from magazines — they read either from individual collections of their own work, or from manuscript copies of poems that hadn't yet appeared in book form.

But I'll say more about those magazines later.

Over the years, Bennie Lee and I kept in touch, visiting each other's classes frequently. (She served occasionally as writer-in-residence at the Greenville Fine Arts Center and as the head teacher for the creative-writing program of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.) When our professional paths didn't cross during a particular year, there was always the New Year's Eve party that my wife and I began hosting in 1980. Bennie Lee and Don would drive down from Wildernessee, their mountain home, to visit us in Travelers Rest.

Bennie Lee enjoyed the diversity of people at these gatherings — professors, neighbors, nurses, carpenters, lawyers, schoolteachers, businessmen, artists, writers, musicians. She could have a thoughtful conversation with anyone, always finding some common ground with her companions of the moment. Wherever Bennie Lee was sitting — kitchen, living room, dining room table, or the family room downstairs — friendly, animated conversation would gather around her, as if she were a movable hearth.

On December 31, 1999, Bennie Lee was in good spirits, although she was confined to her wheelchair and couldn't get up the front steps. A small entourage wheeled her around the house to the back porch, which is on ground level. She seemed energized by the company. She spent much of the evening talking about Appalachian culture with John Shelley of Furman's religion department. She stayed late — unusual for her and Don, both early risers — toasting the new millennium at midnight.

A few days after Bennie Lee's death on May 22, Don told us over the telephone that the party was the last social event she'd been able to enjoy.

Bennie Lee had a wry, playful sense of humor and loved to tell stories. One of her favorites was about attending an awards dinner with a Famous Southern Writer. They were seated at the head table, on either side of a microphone that was (unlike the inebriated F.S.W.) fully functional. He leaned over to ask Bennie Lee if she would run away with him. Bennie Lee, aware that the entire room was listening in on their conversation, fluttered her eyelashes and insisted that she was a married woman who couldn't properly abandon her husband and home. At that point, the F.S.W. proclaimed, "Bennie Lee, if you run away with me, I'll make you the girl singer in my bluegrass band!"

The F.S.W. was the late James Dickey. If you'd like to ponder the undeniable yet oblique relationship between life and art, I invite you to read Bennie Lee's delightful "The First Time Ever I Heard You, Honey, As a One-Man Bluegrass Band." Bennie Lee herself called its unnamed speaker Polyester — an alter ego who enjoyed unsolicited overtures from would-be musicians!

Bennie Lee's appointment as South Carolina's poet laureate in 1986 was a fitting tribute to a writer who'd honored her native state with the truth as she saw it as well as with her deepest love. The position gave her a bully pulpit for causes such as arts education, organ-donor programs and land preservation. When my wife began the Poinsett Park Project in 1996, to establish a greenspace north of Furman's campus, Bennie Lee was there at the first public meeting in the Travelers Rest Public Library, to give the invocation.

As a female writer, living in Southern Appalachia, without a permanent academic appointment, Bennie Lee had good reason to feel marginalized within the small yet often comically hierarchical world of contemporary American poetry. She was never bitter, but she demanded the same respect that she herself accorded to

other writers. Now, looking back more than 20 years, I think that the stack of magazines she schlepped to the podium in Burgiss Lounge had the following deep structure: *Don't dismiss me as a "regional" writer! I've earned the right to be taken seriously! Hear me out!*

Bennie Lee had the ability to nudge those around her in the direction of virtue. Once, while walking with me in the woods behind my too-meticulous lawn, she lavishly praised the large pile of brush that I'd made in a clearing. Such thoughtfulness — to provide the local animals in our suburban neighborhood with useful shelter!

I didn't have the heart to tell her that I was planning to burn the pile the next day. I did, however, check for birds and field mice before I struck the first match. And, in later years, I've always tried to gather brush at the end of autumn and leave it in place for the cold winter months.

I've said very little about Bennie Lee's poems. Many of the ones that have lodged in the brush pile of my own mind concern the same qualities — kindness, good stewardship, kinship — that I associate with her person. "The Arrowhead Scholar," "Landmark," "My Appalachian Wildflowers," and "My Father. His Rabbits." have found a shelter in my memory that no match could ever threaten.

In 1994, Bennie Lee spoke at a symposium on South Carolina poetry held at Furman. I have a videotape of her reading, which I'm viewing as I revise this paragraph. Bennie Lee has just recovered from her kidney transplant, enjoying better health than she has in years, radiant with the gift of a new, unexpected extension of her life. She reads her recently completed "The Dying. The Donor. The Phoenix." and "The Endangered." The camera, fixed on a tripod at the back of McEachern Lecture Room, never moves. Then she says her own favorite among her poems is "August Light," and she voices the words softly, distinctly, often glancing up from the page:

Something has shifted almost imperceptibly,
an axis so removed it is only theory.

But through the window when I wake
the light itself seems to slant, and is golden,
not white or so direct as it was yesterday.

Perhaps it is the best moment we have
for readjusting, instructed in every phase
as we are by the light, which daily becomes more oblique
so that the leaves reflect it curiously.

Or it may merely be a dream
that we are here, and everything changed —
even your face as you sleep, the slow light
toward winter turning.

She reads another poem, "Appalachian Black History." She asks how much time she has left. Then she reads "Ivorybill," a poem about a wishful sighting of an extinct bird, and gracefully walks out of the frame. ●

Gilbert Allen, an award-winning poet and short story writer, has taught literature and creative writing at Furman since 1977.

Butterflies are free

Biology professor's Web sites are a lepidopterist's delight

John Snyder has an unusual hobby. Almost every day you can find the Furman biology professor surfing the Internet, searching for and meticulously categorizing images of insects. Moths and butterflies, to be more exact.

From a nondescript office on the second floor of Plyler Hall, he maintains the world's largest on-line collection of moths and butterflies. "Web Images of North American Moth Species" is accessible at <http://www.furman.edu/~snyder/leplist>.

The site contains close to 2,000 links to photographs of moth and butterfly species, both caterpillars and adults. For lepidopterists, who study these insects, the site is a gold mine. But Snyder doesn't stop there. Hundreds of Web sites containing information on moths and butterflies are also linked from another page that he oversees — the Lepidopterists' Society home page (<http://www.furman.edu/~snyder/snyder/lep>).

Together, these two sites are arguably the world's leading resources for butterfly and moth enthusiasts. Snyder, who has maintained the moth images page for nearly two years, painstakingly logs each link and constantly reviews the many on-line pages, looking for dead links and other imperfections.

North America alone has more than 10,000 species of butterflies and moths, and entomologists are discovering more all the time. So attempting to catalogue them all is kind of like swimming against a tide, says Snyder, who has taught at Furman since 1971.

"The site will probably never be complete," he says. "The ideal site would have links to all species and would include a search engine."

But such tiny imperfections don't seem to bother amateur and professional entomologists worldwide who have made the site their regular rest stop on the information superhighway.

In fact, Snyder fields at least one unsolicited e-mail query a day from the



For John Snyder, exploring the world of insects represents both a research interest and a source of enjoyment. While maintaining his Web sites, he is involved in an ongoing survey of lepidoptera specific to Northwest South Carolina.

public, most of them seeking to identify a species of butterfly or moth. During the summer, when the insects are most active, the number of daily electronic questions reaches five or six.

Snyder's favorite question arrived last summer, when an Army recruit from Idaho sent an e-mail with an urgent request. It seems that her drill sergeant had found a dead moth in an area she was responsible for keeping spotless.

"The drill sergeant told her that unless she could identify the species of the discovered moth within 24 hours, she was going to have to bury the insect with full military honors," says Snyder with a laugh. "I gave her a real technical sounding name. I guess it satisfied the sergeant."

Snyder's fascination with lepidoptera was sparked by a science teacher at Kent Junior High in Akron, Ohio, who required the class to compile a collection of insects.

"I categorized and named them. That's when I first came to realize that there was so much diversity," says Snyder, who is also the curator of Furman's insect collection (<http://www.furman.edu/~snyder/butterfly>). "I think I even won a ribbon for my collection at a science fair."

Snyder attended Case Western Reserve University, where he majored in biology. He earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees in zoology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

By the 1980s, after more than a decade of studying antibacterial enzymes of amphibians, Snyder renewed his boyhood interest in insects. His current research, which focuses on fluorescent molecules found in moths, combines his background in molecular biology and entomology.

— John Roberts

SIX JOIN BOARD

The board of trustees will welcome six new members when it convenes its fall meeting in October.

Newly elected board members are Ravenel B. Curry III '63 of New York City; W. Randy Eaddy '76 and James M. Ney '64 of Atlanta, Ga.; J. Carroll Rushing and Elizabeth Peace Stall of Greenville; and Martha Stoddard Selonick '72 of Baltimore, Md. All were elected to three-year terms. Curry, Eaddy and Ney have served previously on the board.

Curry, a native of Greenwood, S.C., is president of Eagle Capital Management, an investment management firm for corporations, foundations and families. A former president of the Furman Alumni Association, he holds an M.B.A. degree from the University of Virginia.

Eaddy is a native of Johnsonville, S.C., and a partner with the law firm Kilpatrick Stockton LLP. A summa cum laude graduate of Furman, he earned his law degree at Harvard University, where he also served on the *Law Review*, and is active in civic affairs in Atlanta.

Ney helped found the Atlanta law firm of Holt Ney Zatcoff & Wasserman, LLP. A graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, where he was president of the student body and a justice on the honor court, he was for three years special assistant attorney general of the State of Georgia.

Rushing, a graduate of Southern Polytechnic State University, is a Greenville entrepreneur and businessman whose generosity helped establish Furman's Rushing Center for Advanced Technology, which has strengthened the university's ties to the corporate community by providing a range of technology-related educational and consulting services.

Stall is a graduate of Hollins College (now University) and is a Greenville civic leader. She is a trustee of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities and a trustee and member of the executive committee of the Peace Center for the Performing Arts. She has served on the boards at Hollins and at Presbyterian College.

Selonick, a physician at Harbor Hospital in Baltimore, is a former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a past recipient of Furman's Head Agent of the Year award.

Four trustees were re-elected to serve an additional three-year term. They are Harold F. Gullivan III '69 of Greenville; Sarah Belk Gambrell of Charlotte, N.C.; Robert V. Pinson '61 of Spartanburg, S.C.; and C. Kemmons Wilson of Memphis, Tenn. Two emeritus trustees — Lloyd E. Batson '47 of Easley, S.C., and Thomas S. Hartness of Greenville — were also elected to three-year terms.

Retirement community set for campus

The Furman board of trustees has approved a measure that paves the way for a retirement center to be constructed just north of the main campus.

The retirement community, which will open in 2004, will feature approximately 200 independent living residences on about 40 acres of university property to the east of the Furman Golf Course. It will be owned, developed and marketed by Kendal at Furman, Inc., a non-profit corporation formed in cooperation with Furman and the Pennsylvania-based Kendal Corporation. Furman will lease the property to the community.

Residences at the retirement center will range from freestanding cottages to small apartments and large apartments with two bedrooms, two baths and a den. Each residence will have a kitchen, a living/dining area and spacious closets, and will be wired for cable television and the Internet. Almost every unit will have either a balcony or patio.

Each Kendal community has its own pool, walking paths, fitness center, health clinic, dining room, post office, bank and craft spaces. Furman's Child Development Center will be housed at the retirement community, which will also host some of the university's Learning in Retirement classes.

The complex will include a community center that will house at least two dining areas (formal and informal), a large gathering room and auditorium, a beauty/barber shop, a gift shop, a library and offices.

Kendal operates continuing care retirement communities in Kennett Square, Pa., and at four universities (Dartmouth in New Hampshire, Cornell in New York, Oberlin in Ohio and Washington and Lee in Virginia). Another Kendal retirement community is in the marketing stage at Denison University in Ohio.

The average age of Kendal residents is between 75 to 84. The corporation's upscale centers are generally described as an "intellectual community," with many of its residents being retired faculty members and professionals.

Since Kendal at Furman will provide varying levels of care for its residents as they age, the community's comprehensive health care program will include assisted living and licensed nursing care in addition



to wellness programs and physician services. Some of the residences will also be designed for assisted living.

"We hope that Kendal at Furman residents will become active participants in the life of the Furman community," says Wendy Libby, vice president for business affairs. "Some may choose to take a Furman class; others may attend concerts, athletic events or theatre productions, or use the golf course."

Entry costs and monthly fees have not been determined, but residents will pay a one-time entry fee and an ongoing monthly fee. Residents will not own their units but will have lifetime use of them.

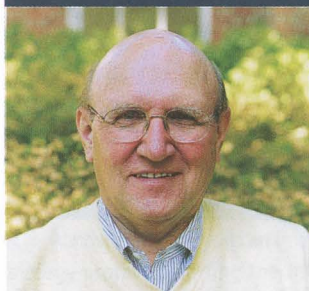
"These are vibrant communities in which residents play an enthusiastic role in the life of the university," says Libby. "We expect students to benefit from informal interaction with the Kendal at Furman residents and hope that more formal internship programs can be set up to provide learning experiences for our students."

The team of architects for the project will be Craig, Gauden & Davis of Greenville and Cochran, Stephenson & Donkervoet of Baltimore, Md. The latter firm designed the Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community in Charleston, S.C.

An 18-member board will oversee Kendal at Furman, Inc. The Rev. Hardy Clemons, a Furman trustee and the retired senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenville, will chair the board.

For more information about Kendal at Furman, call 888-224-6882 or visit the Kendal at Furman Web site at www.kaf.kendal.org.

Five professors complete their Furman careers



Arnold was devoted to students' welfare

Not content to offer accounting instruction just in the classroom, Bob Arnold has provided it on our highways, too. For many years, he has proudly displayed the letters DR and CR (the abbreviations for debit and credit) as his South Carolina license plate.

Throughout his 12-year tenure at Furman, Bob was a dedicated teacher and advisor. He taught an array of accounting courses in both the day and evening programs and was always willing to help the department in any way he could, often teaching a course overload or adding students to his sections to meet demand.

Bob's classes offered students a blend of theory with practical applications. As a result, he often kindled an interest in accounting among students who may not have been considering accounting as a potential career. In class, he demanded that students be active learners and placed a high value on helping them develop their oral communication skills.

During class, Bob was able to draw out even the most reserved Furman student. He was effective in teaching students from a range of abilities — those to whom the material came easily and those who may have struggled. All realized their highest potential in Bob's courses. He never gave up on a student, and he never let students give up on themselves.

Bob truly cared about the welfare of students, and students knew it. He counseled students not only about their academic progress and professional goals, but also about their personal lives. He helped many secure employment, both part time and full time. He was not content until each graduating accounting major had either been accepted to graduate school or had a job offer securely in hand. At departmental receptions at Homecoming, alumni always seek out Professor Arnold.

Bob received his Bachelor of Science degree from Miami University of Ohio and later, a Master of Arts degree from Gannon University in Erie, Pa. In addition, he is a Certified Public Accountant. Prior to coming to Furman, he had accumulated extensive experience in public accounting, in industry and in university teaching. He also served in the U.S. Army.

He is an avid golfer. He and Gloria built a home that looks out on Greenville's Pebble Creek Golf Course — clearly a cost-efficient way of maintaining a good supply of golf balls. In the past several years, they have gone on a number of interesting cruises. In retirement, they expect to continue their travels; this summer they toured the Mediterranean. Bob is also a devout fan of Cleveland sports teams, which has taught him the valuable lesson of accepting defeat graciously and often.

Bob's colleagues at Furman will miss seeing him on a daily basis. Fortunately, he'll be just a chip shot away.

— **Lawrence Kessler**
Professor of Accounting



Hammett helped students combat math anxiety

The Department of Mathematics has mixed feelings about Mike Hammett's decision to retire. While we are happy for him, we are sorry that we will no longer have the privilege of working with Mike. No one could ask for a better colleague or friend.

Not only has Mike taught at Furman for 36 years, but he is also a Furman graduate, Class of 1959. In fact, his family's blood runs purple. His father, his wife (Martha Stagg '59) and his two daughters, Marcy '82 and Meryl '86, are also Furman graduates.

Mike met Martha during their freshman year at Furman, and they married after graduation. He went on to earn a master's degree at Auburn and, after a brief dalliance with the U.S. Army, joined Furman's mathematics department in 1962. He taught for three years before returning to Auburn in 1965 to complete his Ph.D. in differential equations. In 1967, Furman hired Dr. Hammett again.

I was fortunate to have Mike as a teacher in 1975 for point set topology, a course that proved to be a big help in graduate school. Between 1978 and 1985, he also helped out in the computer science department, teaching beginning courses in FORTRAN and Pascal.

One of this year's top mathematics graduates, Angela Highbaugh, says she will always remember a particular class that Mike taught. He was in the middle of a complex proof, so lengthy that he had almost completely filled the board. As he looked for the extra space he needed, he found that he was just able to squeeze in the final elements of the proof. In tiny letters, he wrote, "Think ahead." That's great advice for all of us.

Mike says his favorite part of teaching has been working with students who had previously not had a good experience with mathematics. Students appreciated his ability to explain things clearly and make the difficult seem simple. Over the years, Mike says he has noticed that students who have a positive experience with mathematics often become more confident in general.

An avid jogger, Mike's other interests include boating, tennis and racquetball. He also enjoys fixing things, especially cars, with his favorite being a Corvair. His first new car was a Corvair, and he belongs to a national Corvair club.

Martha, a media specialist at Brook Glenn Elementary, is joining Mike in retirement this year. They plan to build a house on some property they own at Lake Keowee and hope to travel and spend time with their family, which includes four grandchildren.

But we won't be surprised to see Mike on campus every so often, perhaps teaching a course in the Continuing Education program. After all, not every teacher has his ability to make students feel more at ease with mathematics — and with themselves.

— **Nancy Shell '76**
Professor of Mathematics

Biology department retirees leave rich, lasting legacy

In any field, there is at least one "Golden Age" full of great progress and excitement. The three members of Furman's biology department who chose to retire this year have had the joy of being part of such a period. All three began their careers in the 1960s, just as the molecular biology revolution was developing a full head of steam. All three have participated in the excitement, as researchers and as mentors of students who entered the field in various capacities.

The first to join Furman's faculty was **Gilbert Fairbanks**, who migrated to the University of South Carolina from Connecticut. In 1964, he brought his expertise on the lipids of cell membranes to Furman. Over the years, he has taught several varieties of physiology courses as well as introductory courses.

Twenty-five years ago, Gil took on the huge task of being Furman's chief advisor for students intending to enter the health fields. Since then, he has been an encourager, a goad, and sometimes a parent surrogate to hundreds of students. He also built the Furman chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the health fields honorary society, into one of the most active in the country, as evidenced by its many awards. In recognition of his monumentally successful work with students, he was named a winner of this year's Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Advising.

Gil has also been active in off-campus programs advancing the study of science. A former editor of the *Bulletin of the South Carolina Academy of Science*, he was president of that organization in 1978 and 1979. But his greatest service to science in this state was as the director of the South Carolina Western Regional Science Fair from 1973 until 1998. In that capacity, he coordinated the annual gathering of hundreds of middle and high school students. In recognition of these services, he was presented the Order of the Palmetto, the highest award that our state's government can confer to its citizens.

Gil is a staunch supporter of his Lutheran church, where he is active in the music program and in teaching confirmation classes. Soon, he will have more time for pursuing his hobby of woodworking, visiting his new grandchild and perhaps traveling with his wife, Brenda, to his favorite vacation destination, Disney World.

As **Lewis Stratton** was finishing his doctoral work at Florida State, he had every intention of heading into industry as a biochemist. But a recruiting visit by Dean Francis Bonner changed his mind, and he arrived at Furman in the summer of 1967. Since then, his expertise in hemoglobin structure has led to many published papers and a patent or two. He pushed hard to make the biology department one of Furman's most active in offering summer research experiences for its students, both on and off campus. Two of his sabbatical leaves led to opportunities for dozens of students at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Naval Research Laboratory.

Lew has taught many courses, but his favorites are microbiology, molecular and cellular physiology, and its recent incarnation, molecular and metabolic biology. Hundreds of alumni will remember him for the infamous multi-page charts of metabolic reactions that they had to memorize. In a quite different realm, Lew was the first Furman professor to take students to the Galapagos Islands, an experience that has since become a favorite for biology majors.

In 1991 Lew became department chair, a position he held until his retirement. Under his skillful administration, the department underwent significant course reorganization, hired several new faculty members, and increased its student population almost to the breaking point.

Lew's community involvement has centered on being a volunteer for the local fire department. He will long be remembered for



As researchers and mentors, Lew Stratton, Rex Kerstetter and Gil Fairbanks (left to right) combined to provide 100 years of service to their department and the university.

headlong dashes out of classrooms as his beeper called him to emergency duty. He also served as a fire commissioner, his only brush with politics.

Having been a farm boy in Pennsylvania, Lew has great skill as a handyman and actually built (with help from his father and some commandeered students) a log house, where he lives with wife Helen and two step-sons, on several acres of land lovingly called "The Swamp." Undoubtedly, much of his retirement time will be used in the continuing development of this haven. And he has detailed plans for the next hunting expeditions and visits with two daughters.

Rex Kerstetter was finishing his doctorate in plant physiology at Florida State during the same year that Lew found Furman. He too was interviewed during that productive trip to FSU by Francis Bonner and came to the newly completed Plyler Hall in the fall of 1967.

Over the years, his expertise in both molecular biology and the more classical aspects of botany has allowed him to teach a wide range of courses, from botany and ecology to plant physiology and microbiology. His early stint as a high school biology teacher made him a natural for a course on teaching methods and as an advisor to students preparing to be teachers.

Rex has been highly productive in his research, as evidenced by an impressive list of published papers and abstracts, most of them with students as co-authors. Nearly every summer he has advised one or more students in their independent research projects, and his contacts within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have helped a number of students to acquire summer research positions at that world-class facility. His current work on the Paris Mountain watershed project combines his interests in microbiology and ecology.

Rex's Kansas farm background led to an early appreciation of plants. He has constantly reminded us of their value and the need to keep teaching about plant taxonomy and ecology, as well as the molecular aspects of botany. He will carry his love of plants into his retirement as he develops a facility in his home for cultivating exotic orchids. And undoubtedly he will continue to offer landscaping tips to his two sons, both of whom also answer to the name "Dr. Kerstetter."

The biology department will be a poorer place in the near future, as these valued colleagues move on. They brought the "new biology" with them as they began their careers and had the satisfaction of helping the department catch the rising crest. Their legacy in the department and among the thousands of students they have taught will be rich and long lasting.

— **John Snyder**
Professor of Biology

Proud members of the Class of 2000 heard Keith Lockhart (below) suggest that they "decide on a destination, and the route will take care of itself."



Lockhart headlines 2000 Commencement

Few Furman graduates have made as big a splash in the last few years as Keith Lockhart '81, conductor of the Boston Pops.

As head of the most popular and best known orchestra in the country since 1995, Lockhart has toured the world, made recordings and conducted performances before millions of people. But when he stepped on the makeshift stage at Paladin Stadium May 27 to deliver his first Commencement address, he admitted to feeling nervous.

He hoped, he said, to be profound, to say something meaningful and lasting. Yet he acknowledged that this would be a difficult task, considering that, as his research showed, the Commencement address is usually the low point of these ceremonial occasions. And he admitted that, although he has many fond memories of his Furman days, "the Commencement address at my graduation is not one of them."

Not surprisingly, though, he seized the moment, entertaining and encouraging over

600 bachelor's and master's degree candidates and their families and friends with his story of seeking, searching and finding.

Lockhart, who also conducts the Utah Symphony, advised the graduates not to worry if they left Furman feeling somewhat rudderless and without direction. He recalled how during his undergraduate days he did a little of everything, from sampling a wide variety of courses, playing intramurals and traveling abroad to performing in circus bands and with an Elvis impersonator. "I had a great time," he said. "I learned; I grew. And, at the end of four years, I had no earthly idea what to do with all that accumulated wisdom."

But he had his Furman education as a foundation to help him take full advantage of what life would offer. As he said, "Every life has thousands upon thousands of forks and branches. College is not a bow; you are not an arrow; and the point of education is not to allow you to fly straight across your life without hitting anything except the imaginary target at the end. What you did here was not so much learn as . . . learn to learn."

"With apologies to my professors here, I remember few specifics from the courses I took, and I've thrown all my notebooks away. I'm positive, though, that I use my years at Furman in every decision I make, both the substantial and the trivial. The great thing about a school like this is that it is not a trade school. It doesn't encourage you to narrow your focus; it encourages you to broaden it, to think, and to keep learning."

In addition to delivering the Commencement address, Lockhart received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in recognition of his accomplishments as a conductor and musical ambassador. Irwin Belk, a North Carolina businessman and civic leader whose generosity led to the renovation of Furman's track complex, also received a Doctor of Humanities degree to recognize his achievements in business and in public service.

Three students shared the Scholarship Cup, which is awarded to the graduate with the highest academic average. Completing their Furman careers with straight-A averages were biology majors Richard Brooks of Harriman, Tenn., and Daniell Farrier of Ashland, Ohio, and education major Rima Dakhallallah of Travelers Rest, S.C.

General Excellence Awards, given by the faculty to the outstanding senior man and woman, went to Ginger Denison of Greensboro, N.C., a summa cum laude graduate in chemistry, and Stuart Rentz of Pickens, S.C., a summa cum laude graduate in business administration and Spanish. Denison plans graduate study at Indiana University, and Rentz has received a Fulbright fellowship for a year in Mexico.

Bill Prince, professor of Spanish, and Ron Granieri, assistant professor of history, received the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching. Jack Dickey, director of continuing education, and Gil Fairbanks, retiring professor of biology, received the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Advising.

— Jim Stewart



Furman Singers make 14th European tour

Forty-eight members of the Furman Singers left Atlanta July 24 for the group's 14th European concert tour.

The two-week trip, which the Singers make every other year, took the students to Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. They performed in such venues as the Kaufmannskirche in Erfurt, Germany, where Martin Luther preached; the Kreuzkirche in Dresden, Germany, where the Singers performed at vespers; and an evening concert in the beautiful Aula Leopoldina concert hall at the University of Wroclaw in Poland. The tour also featured an afternoon concert in the St. Nicolas Church of Old Town Square in Prague before

concluding at the Frauenkirche in Nurnberg, Germany.

Much of the Singers program revolved around American music, such as folk hymns, spirituals, vocal jazz and barbershop selections. To honor the 250th anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach, the Singers presented portions of his motet, "Jesu, meine Freude," as well as music by Chesnokov, Haydn, Casals and Rutter.

Bingham Vick, Jr., has served as conductor of the Singers since 1970. Senior Thomas Bandy of Charleston, S.C., is accompanist.

MAJOR GRANT SUPPORTS WATER QUALITY STUDY

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund of New York City has awarded Furman a \$108,600 grant to support a long-term study of water quality and watershed management issues in Northwest South Carolina.

The two-year grant will fund the River Basin Research Initiative, which focuses on the social, economic and governance issues that influence the future of water quality in the Enoree River and Saluda River basins. Kenneth A. Sargent and C. Brannon Andersen, members of Furman's Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences (EES), head the project.

"Surface water quality is one of the primary environmental issues facing Northwest South Carolina, especially as development increases," Sargent says. "But this generous grant will support more than just a scientific study of the region's water quality. It will allow us to study the issue from a variety of perspectives, which will lead to a better understanding of the environmental culture of the area."

This summer, a total of 40 students and professors (10 from other colleges and universities) worked on the River Basin Research Initiative. The research team represented six different academic disciplines — earth and environmental sciences, chemistry, biology, economics and business administration, political science and sociology.

Initial research efforts began in 1995 when the departments of biology and EES began a two-year study, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, of the Mountain Creek watershed, a small tributary to the Enoree River, on Greenville's Paris Mountain. In 1999, the departments of biology, chemistry and EES, with the aid of grants from the National Science Foundation and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, expanded their research to the Enoree River and Saluda River basins.

"The project is unique in that few studies have looked at the social, economic and governance issues that contribute to the water quality of a region," Sargent says. "Science can only delineate the water quality problem. A social science perspective is also needed to convert the information into a sound management policy."

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund was founded in 1940 by the five sons and daughter of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. On July 1, 1999, the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation of Stamford, Conn., merged with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, bringing the fund's total assets to approximately \$670 million.

Class of 2004:

A brief introduction

It may take a few months for this fall's freshman class — the Class of 2004 — to establish its own identity. But the Admissions Office has compiled some "fun facts" that provide a glimpse into the interests and attitudes of the approximately 700 students who will report to campus September 5 for the start of the 2000-2001 academic year.

Some of the more noteworthy tidbits, compiled from information submitted by the students:

- The class includes 49 valedictorians, 28 class presidents, 76 Furman Scholars — and four sets of twins.

- Twenty-nine are Eagle Scouts, and 135 are listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

- The class includes a number of entrepreneurs; several own their own Web page design companies, and another runs a miniature horse business.

- Politics are in some students' blood. One has worked for Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, another for the governor of Georgia, and a third was the youngest delegate from South Carolina to this year's Democratic National Convention.

- One student is the author of a children's book, and another has published poetry in two different anthologies. A third has been published in a scientific journal.

- Members of the class have done mission work in Honduras, Puerto Rico, Australia, Costa Rica, South Africa, Egypt, Tanzania, France, Poland, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Belize, Haiti, the United Kingdom, and in a number of U.S. cities.

- One student has caddied in the Masters and the U.S. Open, while another has competed in the National Championships of Wakeboarding. (It's like water skiing, except with a board.)

Each issue of *Furman* magazine includes brief reviews of books recommended as good reads by Furman faculty.

Gitta Sereny, *Cries Unheard: Why Children Kill: The Story of Mary Bell* (Henry Holt & Company, 1999). This book won't tell you why children kill but it will at least make you understand why 11-year-old Mary Bell killed two toddlers in Newcastle, England, in 1968. The author produced a book about Mary in the early 1970s; *Cries Unheard* is the result of Sereny's continuing interest in Mary, who was released from prison in the early 1980s and now, under an assumed name, is raising a teenage daughter. Take with a grain of salt Sereny's rather naive insistence that we are "born good," and remember (as Sereny does) that Mary is a strong, highly intelligent and manipulative person. You'll be appalled at the criminal and judicial proceeding leading to the guilty verdict — and Mary's guilt and the good intentions of all concerned are not in doubt — and amazed at her ability to come through different kinds of punitive incarceration and still hold on to the notion of a "normal" human life as something worth trying to achieve.

— Stanley Crowe, *English*

Robin Karr-Morse and Meredith S. Wiley, *Ghosts from the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 1997). Easy to read, beautifully written and well documented, *Ghosts from the Nursery* shows the frightening price society pays for neglecting the healthy development of children from prenatal to 3 years of age. The title suggests that murderers

and other violent criminals, who were once babies themselves, are accompanied by the spirits of the innocent infants they once were together with — the forces that killed their promise. Each chapter begins with pieces from the life story of Jeffrey, a young murderer on death row. As we come to understand Jeffrey better, we also understand how the roots of violence become anchored in our children. The authors offer insight on how parents and policymakers can help to restore the fabric of society by taking steps to provide developmental protective factors for all children.

— Lorraine DeJong, *Education*

James Kugel, *The Bible as It Was* (Harvard University Press, 1997). Much academic biblical criticism concerns questions of the text's origins — when was this written, by whom, under what historical conditions, etc. This delightful work, written for a general audience, focuses instead on the question of how the Hebrew Bible was received and interpreted in the period of early Judaism and Christianity. What may surprise the reader is how much influence these early interpreters still hold over Western readings of the Bible. It is they, and not the biblical text itself, for instance, who first construed the serpent in the Garden of Eden as Satan. One might also be surprised to discover how imaginatively playful these early interpreters (including St. Paul himself) could be.

— Shelly Matthews, *Religion*

Charles Hudson, *Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando de Soto and the South's Ancient Chiefdoms* (University of Georgia Press, 1997). In June 1539, Hernando de Soto led a small army (and its horses, pigs and war dogs) out of Tampa Bay in a disastrous, four-year search for an Inca-sized state to conquer and loot. His actual route, though, remained a puzzle until Hudson and his 1980 students discovered that later 16th-century Spanish expeditions from Santa Elena (Parris Island, S.C.) had visited many of the same Indian towns. Hudson's reconstruction of de Soto's travels incorporates the latest environmental, archaeological and ethnohistorical data into a full social history of his portentous encounters with the late mound-building chiefdoms of the Southeast, including that of the fabled Cofitachequi (near Camden, S.C.). A well-written, ripping yarn.

— Brian Siegel, *Sociology and Anthropology*

Amanda Foreman, *Georgiana; Duchess of Devonshire* (Random House, 1998). The British aristocracy has produced many colorful personalities, including Lady Georgiana Spencer (1757-1806), the great-great-great-great-aunt of Princess Diana. Georgiana, who married the Duke of Devonshire at the tender age of 17, was for decades the leader of British society. She also had a major influence on the politics

of her era. A confidante of Marie Antoinette and the Prince of Wales, Georgiana was a friend to the rich and powerful of her day. Foreman's lively narrative casts new light on the behind-the-scenes influence of upper-class women in a male-dominated culture; often they were arbiters of society and had substantial appeal even to common citizens. Foreman also puts into context the remarkable activities of the British aristocracy. In the process, she makes understandable their lives and loves, as well as those of the 20th-century British monarchy.

— Marian Strobel, *History*

FROM THE FURMAN FAMILY

Ashley Warlick, *The Summer After June* (Houghton Mifflin, 2000). Wife of Ronald Friis, who joined the Furman faculty in 1999 as an assistant professor of Spanish, Warlick was, at age 23, the youngest recipient of Houghton Mifflin's Literary Fellowship, which led to the publication of her first novel, *The Distance from the Heart of Things*. *The Summer After June*, her second book, is the story of a long, hot summer in which a woman struggles to reconnect with her past and cope with the present after the murder of her sister. It has been described as a moving tale of love and family and praised by critics as fulfilling the promise Warlick displayed in her first novel.

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JENNY LAMBERT LATEST FURMAN STUDENT TO RECEIVE TRUMAN AWARD

There's a maturity about Jenny Lambert that comes through even in casual conversation.

Not that she's stone-cold serious all the time — on the contrary, she smiles often and laughs easily. But after talking with her for just a few minutes, you notice how this young woman makes eye contact, listens carefully to everything you say, pauses thoughtfully, then responds in a clear, calm, articulate manner.

Sounds like she'd make a good attorney or college professor. Or a politician — even if she does seem to be honest and straightforward.

Lambert is, in fact, considering all of these options. But first, she has her senior year at Furman to complete. And whatever post-Furman track she chooses, it will be made smoother by the \$30,000 scholarship she earned this spring when she was named a Truman Scholar, becoming the 13th Furman student in the last 20 years to receive the honor.

The Truman award provides \$3,000 toward the senior undergraduate year and \$27,000 for the first two or three years of graduate school to students who plan careers in public service. Seventy-nine students nationwide were chosen by the Truman Scholarship Foundation from 598 nominees.

For Lambert, her already strong interest in public service was stoked in the summer of 1999, when she worked in San Francisco as an intern for Equal Rights Advocates, an agency that serves as a legal advocate for women, especially the disadvantaged. Her research on welfare reform in a social problems class at Furman, combined with her volunteer efforts with the underprivileged and in a women's health clinic, made her a natural for the position.

And it didn't hurt that, because she was a Francis M. Hipp intern, Furman could fully fund her internship. "Usually Equal Rights Advocates hires interns for only 20 hours a week," she says. "But because of the Hipp internship, they could have a full-time intern and not have to

worry about paying me. So it was a pretty easy sell."

Lambert describes her 10 weeks in San Francisco as "fantastic." She saw firsthand how advocacy groups work. She wrote letters, worked on Web pages, conducted focus group interviews, attended conferences and did research on such issues as sexual harassment. "I was really able to use my critical thinking skills, and they would ask my advice about different issues," she says. "They listened to me and treated me as a colleague."

Lambert, a double major in political science and history, is definitely open to new and different experiences. Aside from her summer in San Francisco, she traveled to South Africa last winter with Furman's study abroad program. She has also been active with the Organization of African Unity, the Mock Trial team, the Pre-Law Society and College Democrats. This summer, she attended the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles through a program sponsored by the Washington Center for Internship and Academic Seminars. And she conducted research on religion and politics in South Carolina with political science professor Jim Guth.

Indeed, she considers her home state a fascinating, if flawed, place. When she attended the Truman Foundation's Leadership Week in late May, she discovered that many of her fellow "scholars" had a negative impression of the Palmetto State. They questioned how long it would be before she left the conservative confines of South Carolina for an area more in line with her political leanings.

Her response? "I'm really interested in state politics, and I've always wanted to work within the system to try to change things and bring the state more toward the center of the political spectrum," she says. "We still haven't answered the race question, and things could be better in terms of religious animosity, public



Although she has lived in South Carolina her entire life, Jenny Lambert has done her share of traveling, including to Africa with a Furman study abroad program and to Germany as an exchange student the summer before her freshman year.

education and health care. But I still think this is a worthwhile place."

She's considering such top graduate schools as Yale, Virginia or Georgetown. Once she finishes, though, expect her to return to her native state, where she'll be prepared to serve as an advocate for those who need a voice — or simply a helping hand.

— Jim Stewart

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Center to offer guests high-tech welcome

Josh Jacobs, a high school senior from Jacksonville, Fla., is a dream student. His grade-point average is 4.2. He speaks four languages, scored 1520 on the SAT, is his school's valedictorian, plays football and soccer, and is student body president. He's interested in majoring in political science.

Harvard and Yale are recruiting him, but he wants to stay closer to home. Duke, Wake Forest, Davidson and Furman have all come courting. On this day, he's visiting Furman.

Once on campus, the Jacobs family follows the signs to the Welcome Center, a new facility located beside the Alester G. Furman, Jr., Administration Building. Parking just feet from the building, Josh and his family admire the garden at the center's entrance which honors Mr. Furman, a longtime trustee and board chair who was instrumental in the university's move to the new campus.

In the building's beautiful reception area, they check in with the guest coordinator and are directed to a waiting room. A sign reads, "Welcome Jacobs Family."

Suddenly, a projection screen in the room comes to life and begins displaying the names of students from Josh's high school who are now attending Furman. The presentation dissolves into campus scenes, then moves on to show students involved in the Washington Experience, a popular political science internship program. The short presentation closes with images of Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley '54 and Congressman Mark Sanford '83.



An admissions counselor emerges and escorts the Jacobses down the hall to a 40-seat theatre. The lights dim, and the family views the Furman admissions video. After this presentation, Josh tells the counselor that he is also interested in the music program.

"We can take care of that," says the counselor. She touches the screen of a nearby computer and a video of the Furman Singers' 1996 July 4 performance with the Boston Pops appears. She touches the screen again and there is Keith Lockhart '81, conductor of the Pops, talking about his days at Furman.

Josh is amazed. And impressed. He commits to Furman on the spot.

You've just had a glimpse of college recruiting in the new millennium — highly technical, full of bells and whistles and custom-designed with individual students in mind. It arrives at Furman this fall when the Welcome Center opens.

"The first impression a prospective student gets is key," says Benny Walker, vice president for enrollment. "A lot of colleges are moving in this direction. Davidson just completed a new admissions

house. So did Vanderbilt. We are kind of catching up. But we are attempting to take it to a new level."

In the Welcome Center, Admissions counselors will be able to tailor power-point presentations for individual students. Admissions is also compiling a large database of university photographs, videos and other material, all of which will be accessible with the mere touch of a screen.

Besides student recruiting, the 2,600-square-foot Welcome Center will serve another important purpose: as the gateway to the campus. Visitors will stop there to get directions, pick up information on Furman and learn about campus events.

To make room for the Welcome Center, the visitors parking lot adjacent to the administration building no longer exists. To accommodate the loss in parking, about 25 spaces are being added near the administration building, which has also undergone extensive first-floor renovations for the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid and Academic Records.

— John Roberts

Paladin Club sustains record growth

The Paladin Club, Furman's athletic fund-raising organization, enjoyed a second consecutive record year in 1999-2000. In addition to raising \$917,583 — an increase of more than \$130,000 over 1998-99 — the Paladin Club sponsored a variety of programs and activities designed to promote school spirit and support Furman's athletic teams.

Under the leadership of Hayden Hays, the Paladin Club Board of Directors provided outstanding direction for the club's activities and, with the help of many outstanding volunteers, worked diligently to insure a successful year.

In particular, the Paladin Club noted significant increases in the endowed athletic scholarships it funds. The number of full

scholarships (worth \$23,414 in 1999-00) and half-scholarships (\$11,707) increased from five to eight each, and 11 members chose to contribute at the new quarter-scholarship level.

Other highlights from 1999-2000 revolved around club activities. During football season, the Paladin Club joined forces with the Alumni Office and local Furman Clubs as it took its show on the road to five games. The highlight was the early-season trip to Williamsburg, Va., where the Paladins routed William & Mary and set the tone for their outstanding football season.

Another major program was the Paladin Club Golf Tour, which featured tournaments for Club members in Atlanta, Ga., Columbia, S.C., and Dalton, Ga. These events proved to be

popular, with more than 400 golfers participating. The championship tournament will be played in Greenville during Homecoming weekend.

During basketball season, the Paladin Club continued its tradition of hosting drop-ins before the men's and women's home games. One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the NCAA Selection Party for the women's basketball team.

The Paladin Club has a tremendous impact on the lives of student athletes. Paladin Club members now help to fund the efforts of more than 300 young men and women who represent Furman so well both on the playing fields and in the classroom.

— Gary Clark '74

Unrestricted gifts reach record level

For the second consecutive year, donors to the Furman Fund have set a record for unrestricted contributions to the university.

At the close of the 1999-2000 fiscal year, the Furman Fund had received gifts totaling \$1,786,768, far surpassing the program's goal of \$1.595 million and representing an increase of more than 23 percent over last year's total of \$1.45 million. Perhaps most significantly, the record-setting figure marks the first year since 1992, when the South Carolina Baptist Convention severed its ties with the university, that unrestricted donations have surpassed the total contributed annually by the convention, which had reached \$1.6 million before the separation.

In addition, the percentage of alumni who gave to the university reached 50.34 percent, another record.

Unrestricted gifts are vital to all Furman academic programs and have a substantial impact on many areas. They support the scholarship and financial needs of students, help provide for the latest classroom and teaching technology and for maintenance of existing equipment, bolster the expanding needs of the James Buchanan Duke Library, and support faculty opportunities for professional growth and collaborative research with students.

As Furman enters the 2000-2001 academic year, the support of the Furman Fund is more important than ever in maintaining university programs and providing expanding opportunities for students and faculty alike. Let's keep the Furman Fund on the move!

— Phil Howard

Director, Furman Fund

Board assigns top priority to library project

With another year and a half to go before the formal conclusion of the Forever Furman campaign, the board of trustees has adopted the expansion and renovation of the library as the No. 1 facilities priority for the remainder of the fund drive.

Trustee Gordon Herring, chair of the Campaign Executive Committee, says, "Many of us feel that even if the campaign reaches its increased goal of \$175 million by the end of 2001, it won't be a complete success if we don't fully fund the \$25 million library project. It simply needs to happen."

The library campaign, the largest individual fund-raising project in Furman's history, was launched in January with the announcement of a gift of \$9.5 million from The Duke Endowment. When the library is completed, it will offer significantly expanded services, a redesigned interior and a new, 48,000-square-foot wing on its west (lake) side.

Says Herring, "Even though the Duke Endowment gift is the largest one designated for the library, the Endowment board is allowing us to name the new wing in honor of the donor of the next-largest gift, which we hope will be \$7.5 million."

To further spur the library initiative, members of the Furman board of trustees have issued their own \$7.5 million challenge to donors. Part of these challenge funds will be applied toward the library. The hope is that the rest of the board will give an additional \$7.5 million, a portion of which will also go toward the library.

Adds Herring, "We plan to go to alumni and friends for a final \$7.5 million, emphasizing the library and encouraging them to make a capital gift to this project."

The total of these "campaigns within the campaign," including the Duke Endowment grant and the challenge gifts, should come

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to approximately \$40 million, which will not only complete the library funding but that for the campaign as well.

Several members of the Furman board and other individuals have already made significant gifts toward the library expansion, and their names or those of loved ones will grace different areas of the renovated building. As of July 1, these gifts include:

- The Blackwell Atrium, named in honor of former Furman president Gordon W. Blackwell and his wife, Lib, and provided by their son, trustee Gordon L. Blackwell, and his wife, Ceil;

- The Hendricks Foyer, provided by trustee Ralph Hendricks and his wife, Marion;

- The Herring Help Desk, provided by Gordon and Sarah Weaver Herring; and

- The 24-hour student lounge and a group study room, both of which have been funded by individuals who wish to remain anonymous at this time.

For further information on the library project or on the Forever Furman campaign, call Don Lineback, vice president for development, at 864-294-2475, or e-mail campaign@furman.edu.

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Furmanathletics

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Megan Dunigan makes her mark on tennis court

While there is always a certain amount of guesswork involved in recruiting student-athletes at the college level, there are times when the uncertainty is extremely small. And that was the case two years ago when Furman women's tennis coach Debbie Southern was recruiting Megan Dunigan of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Dunigan was already mulling scholarship offers from Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois. She had compiled a perfect 82-0 record during her career at Oak Ridge High School, which had earned her recognition in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd." And, for good measure, she was a National Merit Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society.

"I knew if she came to Furman she would be one of the best recruits we had ever had," Southern says.

Dunigan did choose Furman over Southeastern Conference powers Tennessee and Kentucky, and she quickly made her mark. She moved into the No. 1 singles spot for the Lady Paladins, posting a 16-10 record and leading Furman to its first appearance in the NCAA tournament. She even became the first women's tennis player in Southern Conference history to be named Freshman of the Year and Player of the Year in the same season.

There was no sophomore slump for Dunigan, either. This past season, she posted a 17-4 overall record, which included a perfect 8-0 conference mark in No. 1 singles, and was named the league's top player for the second consecutive year. It is no coincidence that the Lady Paladins also made the NCAA tournament field once again.

"I knew she could be a special player," Southern says, "but I didn't know she would be as special as she has turned out to be."

On the surface, Dunigan, who is majoring in computer science-mathematics, doesn't have the bearing of a dominant player. She is exceedingly nice, unfailingly polite and doesn't appear to be overly driven. She was a better swimmer than a tennis player at age 12, but when there were no longer enough hours in the day to do both, she chose tennis because it didn't require her to get up at 5 a.m.

When she began to play tournaments at age 13, she found it upsetting to beat her friends. She didn't like beating strangers all that much, either. But in the end, her hatred of losing was more powerful than her sympathetic feelings for a vanquished foe, which helps explain her unblemished high school record.

She is also not one to boast. When you ask Dunigan about her strengths as a tennis player, she will tell you that she really doesn't have any other than her speed. "I run down a lot of shots that my opponents don't want to come back, and it frustrates them," she says. She rates her forehand and backhand as nothing more than "pretty steady," and says she needs to improve her play at the net.

Southern says that Dunigan is being her usual modest self, although the coach agrees with the part about the speed. "She is the quickest athlete that's ever played for me, and she runs down shots that you wouldn't expect her to reach," Southern says. "She moves the ball around well, has a great backhand and hits the ball flat and hard. She is a very offensive-minded player who usually dictates the pace of play."

But Southern also knows that Dunigan can improve. Her four losses this year came to the No. 1 players from Clemson, Georgia, South Carolina and Wake Forest, all of whom were ranked among the top 30 collegiate players in the country. Dunigan led at some point in all the matches, but wasn't able to hang on for a victory.

"I feel like I can play with them," Dunigan said, "but I just haven't been able to close out one of those matches yet. I need to learn how to do that."

She may be closer than she thinks, however. Southern says that Dunigan simply needs to convince herself that she can beat those players, and she will. "That's the one area she has to improve in," Southern says. "She needs to work on her self-confidence and mental toughness in those kinds of matches."

— Vince Moore



Clark appointed director of athletics

Gary Clark, who has been in charge of athletic fund raising at Furman since 1998, has been promoted to the position of athletic director, effective September 1. He replaces John Block, who in July announced plans to step down after four years as vice president for intercollegiate athletics to return to teaching.

A 1974 Furman graduate with a degree in history, Clark spent 23 years at Spartanburg (S.C.) Day School as a teacher, coach and headmaster before coming to Furman in April of 1998 as director of the Paladin Club. He added the title of associate athletic director for external affairs the following year. The Paladin Club enjoyed a tremendous resurgence under his guidance, raising a record \$918,000 for athletic scholarships last year.

Clark, who played basketball at Furman under Joe Williams, holds M.Ed. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of South Carolina. At Spartanburg Day he oversaw several successful enrollment and fund-raising campaigns.

He takes over the athletic department after one of Furman's most successful sports seasons. In 1999-2000, six Paladin teams qualified for

NCAA tournament play and seven coaches received Southern Conference Coach of the Year honors. Furman won its eighth straight Germann Cup as the best women's sports program in the league, and the men placed second in the Commissioner's Cup race for best all-around sports program.

Clark said, "We have just enjoyed what may have been the best collective year ever in Furman athletics, so it will be a challenge to build on this success. But with the coaches and support staff we have here in athletics, I believe there is no limit to what we can accomplish."

A native of Chicago Heights, Ill., Clark is married to Merrie McCullough '75. They have two sons.

Block, a 1963 Furman graduate, has been a member of the history department since 1968 and has also served as the university's NCAA faculty representative. Aside from the success in fund-raising during his four years at the helm of the athletic department, he oversaw the construction of Timmons Arena, the Irwin Belk Complex for Track and Field, and Pepsi Stadium, a new facility for women's softball.



Gary Clark

"When John so graciously agreed to head the athletic department, we knew it would be for a limited time," said Furman president David Shi. "In 1996 our athletic program needed someone who could give it stability and focus, and John's leadership skills and extensive knowledge of NCAA and Southern Conference issues were just what the situation demanded.

"In seeking to replace him, we wanted someone with similar qualities, keen intelligence, substantial athletic experience, visionary leadership, and a sincere appreciation for Furman's high academic standards and institutional priorities. Gary Clark has all of those qualities and more."

Another big year for Belk Pro-Am

The weather couldn't have been better. The crowd was one of the largest ever. And the golf wasn't bad, either.

The 19th Belk Furman Pro-Am, held May 1, produced another banner year by raising \$115,000 to support the university's golf programs. Since its beginning in 1982, the event has raised more than \$1.2 million.

As evidence of the pro-am's continuing popularity, the 128 playing spots in the field were filled by January 17. Individuals and companies from 11 states were represented.

A strong group from the Ladies Professional Golf Association, including three Hall of Famers (tournament founders Betsy King '77 and Beth Daniel '78, plus Joanne Carner) were among the pros in attendance. In all, 14 Furman alumnae returned for the festivities, with the team led by Sherri Turner '79 (and featuring golf coaches Mic Potter and Todd Satterfield) earning top honors in the "gross" division. Pro Cindy McCurdy's team, which included football coach Bobby Johnson and assistant coach Clay Hendrix, took top honors in the "net" division.

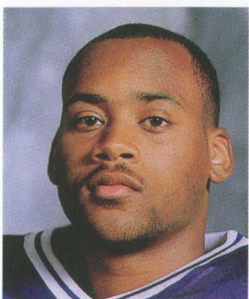
Among other highlights of this year's activities were a tournament party at Greenville's Hyatt Regency and a children's golf clinic. Sponsored by ALLTEL, the clinic attracted 300 youngsters ages 6 to 14.

More than 100 volunteers contributed to the success of the event, which is sponsored by the Paladin Club.

Keith, Kitchings get shot at NFL



John Keith



Des Kitchings

There were two things Furman football fans could count on just about any Saturday during the last few seasons. John Keith was going to rush up from his safety position and make a bone-jarring tackle on some poor running back, and speedy wide receiver Des Kitchings was going to be *much* faster than any defensive player who tried to keep up with him.

So if you watched these two players throughout their careers and couldn't help but think they were a few cuts above your average Division I-AA football player, it wasn't your imagination. The National Football League verified as much this spring.

When the NFL held its 2000 draft April 15-16, both Keith and Kitchings, who received their Furman degrees in May, were among the 254 players selected. Keith went in the fourth round to the San Francisco 49ers, and the Kansas City Chiefs picked Kitchings in the seventh round.

Furman, in fact, held its own in the draft with some of the nation's top football powers. Clemson, for instance, had no players drafted. Furman's total was one better than that of Texas, Notre Dame and UCLA, the same as Louisiana State and Purdue, and just one less than Georgia, Georgia Tech and Nebraska.

"It helps a great deal for Furman to have players in the NFL," says Bobby Johnson, coach of the Paladins. "It gets the university's name out there across the country and it proves that you don't have to go to a big school to get noticed by the NFL scouts. Most of our players won't play in the NFL and most don't aspire to that, but having two players picked in the draft attests to the quality of football we play at Furman."

If Keith and Kitchings manage to make their respective teams, Furman will likely have a total of four players in the NFL. Luther Broughton '97 is a tight end for the Philadelphia Eagles, and Orlando Ruff '99 is a linebacker and special teams player with the San Diego Chargers.

In 1999, Broughton was the Eagles' leading tight end, with 26 catches for 295 yards and four touchdowns. Ruff played in 14 games for the Chargers as a rookie last season — he ranked third on the special teams with 12 tackles — and entered training camp as the backup middle linebacker behind 11-year veteran Eric Hill. Both players are expected to be integral parts of their teams in 2000.

— Vince Moore

Furman alumni news

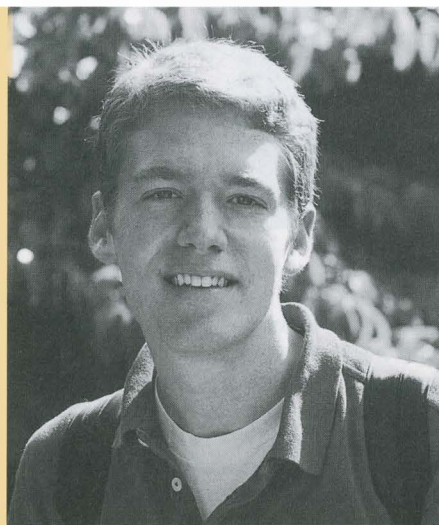
Gifts that make a difference

I decided to come to Furman in the spring of my senior year of high school, and that was and is a decision in which I take much pride. Having been here for two years, I know that Furman has been and will continue to be a place of personal growth and achievement. My education could not have been possible without the financial aid I received through the donations of alumni.

Upon inquiring in the Development Office, I was surprised to learn that the money for my scholarship comes directly from alumni donations: the \$5 and \$10 donations to the university. It amazed me that so many in the Furman family have given so that I might attend this school. That knowledge makes me appreciate my education even more than I already do.

I have been afforded the opportunity to be a part of many extracurricular programs, live in campus housing, and work closely with the faculty and staff. I feel that I have been a part of many facets of campus life.

In the past two years I have been a FRAD (Freshman Advisor), a peer tutor in the psychology department, a Psychology Club member, and a member of the Student Board of Communications. I was recently inducted into Alpha Epsilon Delta (the premedical honor society) and Psi Chi (the national honorary society in psychology). I have served as the



treasurer of the Student Alumni Council and am beginning my second year as the editor-in-chief of the Bonhomie. This is just one example of the small impact an individual can have on this campus — and thankfully, it was made possible through scholarship money.

I was taking photographs beside the lake during Homecoming last year and saw two married Furman alums. They had their three boys with them and were trying to take a family picture in front of the Bell Tower. The mother, obviously having a difficult time rounding up three boys, was becoming frustrated with the whole process. I stepped in and volunteered to take the photograph for them.

In taking that picture, I realized that life truly does run in cycles. In a few short years, I will be a Furman alum, and one day my family and I will be trying to take our own picture in front of the Bell Tower. I hope that I can make a difference in the life of even one student in the same way that alumni and alumni giving have made a difference in my education here at Furman University.

— Mac McArthur

The author is a rising junior from Spartanburg, S.C.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Election returns are in!

The staff of the Alumni Association is delighted to welcome our newly elected Alumni Board members!

New members, who were elected in balloting held through snail mail and, for the first time, through e-mail, are **Catherine Hunter Hightower '55**, **Randolph Williams Blackwell '63**, **Elizabeth Jean Howard '81** and **Catherine Rakestraw Smith '92**. In addition, the Alumni Board appointed **Lt. Col. John R. "Cass" Cassady '62** and **Mickey Arthur Walker '55** to fill unexpired terms. The new board met for the first time as a group at the Leadership Furman weekend (see below).

Many thanks to all alumni who agreed to serve as candidates for the board, and to everyone who cast a ballot. And special thanks to our outgoing board members who have done such an outstanding job over the last five years: **Aubrey Daniels '57**, **Vernon Dunbar '83**, **Michael Ray '72**, **Beth Kendrick Tally '70** and **Lisa Roberts Wheeler '82**.

And finally, a special tip of the cap to **Lynn Powers Gibbs '78**, outgoing president of the Alumni Association. Lynn's dedication and hard work on the Alumni Board for the better part of the '90s served as an inspiration to all of us, and she has certainly earned a rest — although we won't guarantee that she won't be called upon again soon!

The Alumni Board represents the entire Furman alumni body, more than 22,000 strong. Composed of 30 people from a broad spectrum of classes, the board advises the university on current and upcoming issues.

Furman Club news

The summer has been full of terrific Furman Club events. Tops among these gatherings were a Hawaii Furman Club dinner with President Shi and a reception in New York City for Furman's Big Apple summer interns.

Alumni and friends from all over the country also turned out for more than 20 Summer Send-Offs to introduce incoming freshmen to the dynamic Furman family. Many thanks to the volunteers, alumni and parents alike, who hosted these gatherings.

To find out how to get involved in the Furman Club network, visit or contact the Alumni Office.

Leadership Furman 2000

Furman trained and entertained its top volunteers at Leadership Furman Weekend August 18-19.

Representatives of the Alumni Board, Young Alumni Council and Heritage Society joined Furman Club presidents, reunion class chairs, class and head agents, and career services ambassadors as they mixed, mingled and discussed ways to better serve the university. The volunteers enjoyed dinner at White Oaks, remarks by Susan Shi, special presentations and an update on student recruiting.

To learn more about one of the aforementioned groups, contact the Alumni Office.



HIGHTOWER '55



WALKER '55



CASSADY '62



BLACKWELL '63



HOWARD '81



RAKESTRAW SMITH '92

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Charles Townes was the featured speaker in the Godfrey Distinguished Lecture Series at Clemson University in February. His topic was "What's Happening at the Center of Our Galaxy."

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On April 14, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* celebrated **Furman Bisher's** 50 years as a sports editor and writer with the newspapers by publishing a 16-page special section featuring some of his finest articles.

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Sam Fleming, a retired obstetrician in Spartanburg, S.C., was profiled in the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal* in conjunction with Veterans Day. Fleming, who was a navigator on a B-17 bomber during World War II, wrote about his war experiences in his memoir, *Flying With the Hell's Angels*.

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Jones H. "Buddy" Blakely of Eden, N.C., was recently named to the board of directors of Hospice of Rockingham County. Since retiring as vice president of research and technical services for Fieldcrest-Cannon, Blakely devotes much of his time to his church and to volunteering with the American Cancer Society and the Morehead Memorial Hospital.

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Betty Ballentine Carter has retired after more than 40 years as organist at the Lake City, S.C., Presbyterian Church. She has also led the church's adult choir and three other choirs of children and teen-agers. She remains on the board of the Lake City Concert Series, which she helped start in 1984. ■ **Ruth Trowell Watson** of Greenville is author of the independently published *Pacolet Mills, A Village Called Trough*, which chronicles the birth, development and eventual decline of her hometown. It provides, through words and photographs, a look at the development of the textile industry in South Carolina and a portrait of life in a textile village.

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Roy Aycock, professor emeritus of English at Old Dominion University, presented a program on "Literature and Opera: Shakespeare" to members of the Old Dominion Institute for Learning in Retirement in April.

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Next reunion in 2004
E. Donald and **Lyra Crapps** of Troy, Ala., were honored at a special luncheon held at Troy State University, where he was Baptist campus minister for 10 years and she is an adjunct instructor of music. He is also president of the Troy Arts Council. ■ **Four-term South Carolina Rep. Donny Wilder**, D-Clinton, is seeking re-election to the state House.

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This year is reunion!
Ann Pittman Whitmire, a retired teacher, has been recognized by the Polk County (N.C.) School Board for her many hours of community service and was elected to the Second Wind Hall of Fame.

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Next reunion in 2001
Don Garrison (M.A. '64), president of Tri-County Technical College, was recognized by the *Anderson (S.C.) Independent-Mail* as one of the top leaders in education in the Anderson area. ■ **Charles D. Reeves**, executive vice president and general counsel of Lingle Partners Funds in Memphis, Tenn., has been elected to the board of directors of I.C.I. Mutual Insurance Company.

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Next reunion in 2002
Obie D. and **Doris Phillips Dyches** have moved to Charleston, S.C. He served as a foreign missionary in Chile for many years and has now retired. ■ **Katerina Katsarka Whitley**, who writes dramatic monologues retelling Bible stories from the point of view of women, is the author of *Speaking for Ourselves: Voices of Biblical Women*. She has edited *Cross Currents*, the newsletter of the

Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, and she has worked with the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief in New York.

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Next reunion in 2004
Nelle Nye Brown and **Kenneth R. Brown** '60 live in Charlotte, N.C. She has retired from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System and he from First Union National Bank as senior vice president and managing director of the Charitable Funds Services Group. He will continue as director of the Cannon Foundation School of Management.

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This year is reunion!
Kay Syms Leitner of Columbia, S.C., is on the state Juvenile Parole Board, serving as an advocate for victims of juvenile offenders.

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Next reunion in 2001
In April, **Donald Paul Davis** celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Cayce, S.C. During his tenure, the church has grown from 125 members to 1,600. ■ **Edythe Crout Newton** of Greer, S.C., and her husband, Dwight, have recently merged their respective businesses into Landmark Business Solutions.

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Next reunion in 2002
Boyd Broad is celebrating his 25th year as pastor of Wando Woods Baptist Church in Charleston, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2003
Glenna Capps Hatfield is a school library media specialist at Alice Coachman Elementary School in Albany, Ga.

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Next reunion in 2004
A. Hayden Hays (M.A. '69) of Greenville has earned the Family Business Specialist certificate from The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He is an affiliate of MassMutual-The Blue Chip Company and is an active member of the Greenville

Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and the Million Dollar Round Table.

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This year is reunion!

Eastman Kodak Company has announced the retirement of **Carl F. Kohrt, Jr.**, executive vice president and chief technical officer, effective July 1. Kohrt joined Kodak in 1971 as a senior chemist and served in a number of positions with the company before being named executive vice president in 1995. ■ **Jenny Yates** has been appointed to the Atkinson Endowed Chair in Interdisciplinary Humanities at Wells College in Aurora, N.Y. In addition to chairing the major in religious studies, she practices as a Jungian analyst in Ithaca, N.Y.

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Next reunion in 2002

The Trustus Theatre of Columbia, S.C., the professional theatre of the Midlands, is the 2000 recipient of the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for arts organizations. **Jim Thigpen**, the theatre's artistic director, and his wife, Kay, are co-founders of Trustus. The Verner Award is the official South Carolina Governor's Award for the Arts and the state's highest award in the arts.

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Next reunion in 2003

Gerhardt Suhrstedt and his wife, Barbara, recently presented a piano concert at Bridgewater College, after which they traveled to Russia for concert performances. They will perform in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Utah, Nevada and the Carolinas during their winter tour.

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Next reunion in 2004

Martha Gallman Alewine is a library media consultant for the South Carolina Department of Education in Columbia. ■ **Robert McKeown** is chair-elect of the Epidemiology Section of

the American Public Health Association, the largest organization of public health professionals in the world. An associate professor of epidemiology in the University of South Carolina School of Public Health, he is also research director of the USC Center for Bioethics and chairs the Palmetto Faith and Health Consortium.

70

This year is reunion!

After living in Algeria for almost nine years, **Thea DeGano Bedad** and her family have returned to the States. She is involved in theatre work and is a music teacher in Asbury Park, N.J.

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Next reunion in 2001

Ina V. "Jinny" Moore was a candidate for the school board in Brookfield, Mo. ■ **Susan Thomson Shi**, Furman's First Lady, was recognized for her contributions to life in the Upstate of South Carolina by being named to the Order of the Jessamine, sponsored by Greenville's Haywood Mall.

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Next reunion in 2002

Robert R. McGee, a campus minister for the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, is proprietor of the Rector Brother's Fantastic Flying Flea Circus. ■ **John G. Wood, Jr.**, lives in St. Paul, Minn., where he is director of product registration and compliance for Ecolab, Inc.

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Next reunion in 2003

Andrew Lee was featured recently in a *Wall Street Journal* article titled "As Asia Prospers, American Steak Houses Sizzle." A meat importer in Hong Kong, Lee opened his first restaurant there in September and a second in December. He plans to open as many as 40 restaurants and is contemplating franchising. ■ **James T. and Cathy Curry '75 Popp** live in Charlottesville, Va., where he is a systems analyst for the University of Virginia

Linney takes helm of Alumni Board

As a physician and business consultant, **George Linney, Jr. '65** helps hospitals and large medical practices develop strategic plans and chart a course through the fiercely competitive and sometimes uncertain world of medical care.

Now Linney will be using his planning skills in a new way: as president of Furman's Alumni Association Board of Directors. He began his two-year term this summer.

Ask him about his plans and the Georgia native ticks off a list of items without hesitating. "One of the things I think we should try to do is take more advantage of the Cherrydale Alumni House," he says. "It is such a beautiful home, and I would like to use it as a vehicle to get more alumni involved in Furman."

His other goals: continue to boost the percentage of Furman alumni who contribute annually to the university and search for creative ways to motivate young alumni to make donations to alma mater.

Linney, who played on the tennis team during his student days, has been setting — and reaching — goals since he graduated from Furman and went on to the Medical College of Georgia. After medical school, Linney went to work in 1972 as a pediatrician for the Nalla Clinic, a large medical firm in Charlotte, N.C.

He remained with Nalla for 11 years, slowly gravitating to the business aspect of the practice. By the early 1980s, Linney was taking business courses at night and had decided to pursue a career as a medical business manager.

In 1983, he and his family moved to Orlando, Fla., when he was named medical director of a group practice. After raising two children, Allison and George III (a 1998 Furman graduate), Linney and his wife, Barbara, moved back to Charlotte, where he began work as an independent consultant.

When he's not working with hospitals, medical groups and managed care companies, Linney also counsels physicians in such areas as leadership development, career options and job placement.



George Linney hopes to involve more young graduates in Alumni Association activities.

A longtime member of the Paladin Club, Linney first became involved in Alumni Association activities in Orlando, where he joined the local Furman Club. He was elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 1990 and has served as the group's vice president and president-elect.

Among universities of comparable size, Furman ranks near the top in percentage of alumni who contribute to their alma mater. But Linney feels that by working more closely with young alumni, the percentage of alumni donors to Furman could rise even higher.

"I think that if we do not push for a higher number, then a 50 percent giving mark will be harder to maintain," he says. "Younger graduates could make the most impact. It's important to get them in the habit early of giving each year, even if it's a small gift. Participation is what's important."

Linney also wants to encourage more alumni, regardless of where they live, to become involved in university life by joining a local Furman Club. "There are 50 Furman Clubs in 23 states," he says, "so unless you live in a place like Montana, there should be one for you."

— John Roberts

Information Technologies Center. ■ **J. Ted Swindley's** musical "Always, Patsy Cline" was performed at Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, S.C. The show, which has toured the country, got its start at the 1992 Spoleto Festival. Swindley's "Honky Tonk Angels" also played Piccolo Spoleto and Greenville's Centre Stage theatre this spring, and he has recently premiered two other musicals, "Step Into My Parlor" and "Swingstep." ■ **BIRTH:** Henry W. and Helen Brown, a daughter, Elizabeth Jean, June 10, 1999, Blythewood, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2004

W. Michael Ellison of Laurens, S.C., has been named senior vice president in credit administration with The Palmetto Bank.

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This year is reunion!

Kenneth E. Hall is chair of the foreign languages department at East Tennessee State University. He has been doing research on Cuban author Guillermo Cabrera Infante and recently published a book on Hong Kong director John Woo. ■ **William H. Savage** is principal developer of software for Metagenix, Inc., in Durham, N.C. ■ **Peggy Reed Strickland** of Flowery Branch, Ga., has been promoted to associate professor of English and reading at Gainesville College. ■ **The Anderson (S.C.) Independent-Mail** recognized **James R. Thomason**, pastor of First Baptist Church of Anderson, as one of the top leaders in religion in the Anderson area. ■

MARRIAGE: Elizabeth Tyson Richards and Charles Damon Wells, March 25. They live in Roswell, Ga. She is secretary to the president of American Southern Insurance Company and he is lead systems programmer with the Georgia Department of Labor.

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Next reunion in 2001

Karen Kohler Abrams has been named director of development for the Historic Charleston (S.C.) Foundation. ■ **Karen Broome Weaver** of Rocky Mount, N.C., has been named administrative assistant for Nash County Travel

and Tourism, which operates under the auspices of the Nash County Tourism Development Authority for Rocky Mount and Nash County. ■ **John S. Wilkerson**, a member of the Turner, Padgett, Graham & Laney, P.A., law firm, has moved from its Florence, S.C., office to its Charleston, S.C., office. He is a civil mediator in state and federal courts and is immediate past president of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association.

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Next reunion in 2002

Betsy King won her second Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament this year and the 33rd of her career when she captured the Corning Classic in New York May 28. ■ **Patrick L. Patten** of Manhattan Beach, Calif., is founder and president of Jewelry.com. ■ **Stacy F. Sauls**, who has been rector of St. Bartholomew's Church in Atlanta, Ga., since 1994, has been elected Sixth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, Ky. He will serve as chief pastor to the clergy and people of 39 congregations in the Central, Eastern and Northern areas of Kentucky. His election came from a concurrent vote of clergy and of lay deputies. ■ **Celeste Hunt Patrick** was the subject of a recent profile in the *Charleston (S.C.) Post and Courier*. The article focused on the variety of civic and vocational interests she has pursued as a pediatrician and medical school professor, real-estate developer, preservationist and, most recently, as a restaurateur. ■ **BIRTHS:** Stan and **Randilyn Brannon Bieniek**, triplets, Jill Victoria, Ross Michael and Jake Evan, February 22, Duluth, Ga.

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Next reunion in 2003

Betty Parker Ellis of Greenville has been elected secretary of the national board of directors of the Maryland-based Association for Women in Communications. Her company, Communication Works, LLC, provides public relations services to industries. In partnership with Greenville Technical College's The Management Center, she also provides training in business

communications. ■ **Gary Lewis**, who teaches at the University of Connecticut, is taking linguistics classes there and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. ■ **BIRTH:** Brian K. and Jane Whitney McGreevy, a daughter, Anne LeFevre, November 4, Charleston, S.C. The McGreevys are owners of Hayne House Bed & Breakfast, which was recently selected by Fodor's as one of only three highly recommended bed and breakfast establishments in Charleston.

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Next reunion in 2004

James A. Lanier, Jr., account executive at Interface Floor Systems in Atlanta, Ga., participated in Furman's 22nd annual Executive Week program in April. ■ **J. Elizabeth Miller** of Sycamore, Ill., has been appointed coordinator of the teaching assistant training and development program at Northeastern Illinois University. She was recognized for excellence in undergraduate teaching in the College of Health and Human Sciences. ■ **Ronald and Linda Clary '82 Vaughan** live in Greenville, where he is pastor of Berea First Baptist Church.

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This year is reunion!

Daniel Baldwin, a member of the Luther College music faculty since 1997, returned to Furman in March to conduct a performance by the Luther College Symphony Orchestra. ■ **Timothy G. Hayes** of Chester, N.J., has been named senior vice president and region head for Bayer Corporation's Consumer Care Division in North America, with responsibility for Bayer's over-the-counter drug business in the United States and Canada.

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Next reunion in 2001

Patricia Hensley (M.A. '86), a special education teacher at Wren High School in Piedmont, has been named Teacher of the Year by the South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children. ■ **Eric Spitler** and his wife, **Amy Holley '82**, were participants in Furman's Executive Week program in

April. Spitler is deputy director of legislative affairs at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Holley is senior advisor to the director of the U.S. Geological Survey.

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Next reunion in 2002

Christopher A. Murrell, minister of music at Berea First Baptist Church in Greenville, has been ordained to the ministry. ■ **BIRTHS:** Christopher M. and Jamie Horton, a son, Callen Brett, September 7, 1999, Rock Hill, S.C. Christopher Horton is president of Sunrise Enterprises, Inc., a vending business. ■ **Robert W. and Lynn Shirley '88** (M.A. '92) **Osment**, a son, John Harrison, May 14, 1999, Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Steven I. and Cindy Riley**, a son, Gregory, November 11, Neuilly-sur-Seine, Paris. The family has recently returned to the States, and Steven Riley is a senior engineer for Bechtel Telecoms in Frederick, Md.

About class notes

Because of the large number of submissions Furman receives for the magazine's class notes section and the amount of time it takes to review, compile, edit and typeset so much information, news items frequently are not published until five or six months after they are submitted.

Furman magazine does not publish dated items (anything more than 18 months old at time of publication) or engagement announcements. Birth and marriage announcements for alumni couples who graduated in different years are included under the earliest graduation date (except if requested otherwise); they are not listed under both classes. We ask that you include your spouse's name with any birth or marriage notice.

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Next reunion in 2003

Shawn M. Flanagan, a certified specialist in tax law, estate planning and probate law, has become a principal in the firm of Buist, Moore, Smythe & McGee in Charleston, S.C. ■ **Lee Belcher McFadden** of Spartanburg, S.C., is a paralegal at Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C., in Greenville. ■ **BIRTHS:** Eric and **Beth Coffman Blamick**, a daughter, Kari Elizabeth, November 22, Eustis, Fla. ■ **John W. "Jay" and Ann Hollins '86 Holmes**, a son, Christopher Davis, June 7, 1999, Georgetown, S.C. Jay Holmes is minister of music at First Baptist Church of Georgetown and Ann Holmes teaches fifth grade at

Plantersville Elementary School.

■ **Richard and Suzanne Mingus Phillips**, a daughter, Harriett Grace Ann, July 19, 1999, Birmingham, Ala. ■ **Richard F. and Deborah Wright Roszel**, a son, Andrew Wright Roszel, September 7, 1999, Flowery Branch, Ga.

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Next reunion in 2004

BIRTHS: **Brian F. and Brenda Ellison**, a son, Elijah Keith, March 4, Chapel Hill, N.C. Brian Ellison is a new-business coordinator for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. ■ **Alan and Sara "Deedy" Welborn Francis**, a daughter, Lydia Grace, February 15, Anderson, S.C. In addition to teaching voice at Anderson College, Deedy Francis conducts the Anderson

Girls Choir, is music director at Central Presbyterian Church and maintains a private voice studio.

85

This year is reunion!

Simone Nichols Pace, co-owner with her father of Si-Bil Production Video Company, has resumed work as a dance instructor in Simpsonville, S.C. ■ **BIRTHS:** W. James, Jr., and **Deborah Melton Burris**, a son, Jeremy Scott, January 4, Matthews, N.C. ■ **Martin S. and Midge O'Neal Lee**, a son, Martin O'Neal, June 4, 1999, Greenville. ■ **Scott and Lynn Leith**, a son, Andrew Mitchell, February 29. Scott Leith is a battalion executive officer with the U.S. Army stationed in Germany.

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Next reunion in 2001

Chas Fox, founder and chief executive officer of Southern Sun Company, was a guest of

the Canadian government at GLOBE 2000, an international conference on developing the business of the environment. Fox demonstrated elements of his biotechnology company's advanced system for recycling plastics and nutrients and its innovative methods that allow for the healthy growth of plants without use of herbicides or pesticides. ■ **Gregory D. Gardner** of Dana Point, Calif., has become director of business development for Dovebid, Inc., a venture-funded pre-IPO company. ■ **Scott Lutz** works as the general counsel of Ericsson in San Diego, Calif. ■ **Harrell Jud Wooldard** is a border patrol agent for the U.S. Department of Justice. He was discharged from the U.S. Army in January and now lives in El Paso, Texas. ■ **BIRTHS:** John K. and **Lori Lynn Ady Adams**, a son, Christian John, March 20, Orlando, Fla. ■ **Marion D. Lawson '87 and Tracy Jones Lawson**, a son, Samuel Donnan,



Matthews



Nissen

Making music

Kyle Matthews '86 has established a strong reputation as a Christian concert artist, songwriter and musical storyteller. His compositions have been recorded by some of the leading lights in the industry, including Cece Winans, Gary Chapman, Larnelle Harris and Point of Grace, and his "If You Want Me To" was recently a No. 1 hit for rising star Ginny Owens on the Christian contemporary charts.

But now Matthews has emerged from behind the scenes to take center stage with his first CD on a major record label. "See for Yourself" was released in August by Benson Records.

Based in Nashville, Tenn., Matthews began writing and performing music during his undergraduate years at Furman. After doing graduate study in music theory at Baylor University, he has spent the last decade writing, lecturing and performing at churches, universities, conferences and other special events both in this country and overseas. In July he returned to Furman to perform at the annual Pastors School.

Benson Records says Matthews' work is "on the cutting edge of piano-driven pop" and describes his music as "truthful, in an honest, artful way . . . [it] seems to help recall the memory of a time when music was made by real people playing real instruments."

Matthews is married to Susan Fowler '84 and they have two young children, Emily and Christopher. For more on his work, visit his Web site at www.kylematthews.com

Two Nashville alums release CDs

While Matthews has been associated with contemporary Christian music for a while, Jenny Nissen '98 is a relative newcomer to the business. Like Matthews, she's also based in Nashville and has come out with her own CD, "Close Your Eyes," an independently produced release featuring her own songs. It is available at www.indieforce.com.

"People have said that my music is positive, maybe a little too happy," she says. "I strive to promote a spirit of excitement toward obeying God."

Nissen, whose dynamic voice has attracted interest from various record companies, works full time as an assistant to the youth minister and minister of activities at Forest Hills Baptist Church in Nashville. The job offers enough flexibility for her to step out and perform at area colleges and churches. In one of her most prestigious gigs to date, she was the opening act for Owens, winner of this year's Dove Award (the Gospel Music Association's equivalent of a Grammy) for top new artist, at the South Carolina Baptist College Conference.

Nissen has also found other outlets through which to hone her performing skills. She played Guinevere in a Nashville production of the musical "Camelot" and was invited to perform at the city's "An Evening of the Arts" celebration, hosted by country music star Marty Stuart. In addition, she has appeared with the Tennessee Repertory Theatre, a professional group.

July 22, 1999, Easley, S.C. Marion Lawson has become principal of Pickens (S.C.) High School. ■ **Bill and Anita McGinnis**, a daughter, Annabelle, June 22, 1999, Nashville, Tenn. Bill McGinnis has become pastor of Dalewood Baptist Church in Nashville. ■ **John and Lynda Holland Przedpelski**, a son, William Harrison, October 18, Fairfield, Conn.

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Next reunion in 2002

Jacquelyn Merback Bugg lives in Cumming, Ga., and is a results analyst with Luent Technologies. ■ **Shontaine Barba Dougherty** of Simpsonville, S.C., is a process auditor for physical logistics with BMW Manufacturing Corporation. ■ **Joanne Davidson Ibsen** works as a Web administrator in Ostervra, Denmark. ■ **Susan Solomon Simmons** recently moved to Mission Viejo, Calif. She is a flight attendant with Delta Air Lines. ■ **Van Earl and Shari Freas Wright** live in Manhattan Beach, Calif., where he is a sportscaster for FOX Sports. ■ **MARRIAGE: Morris Lee Brill III** and Mary Kathryn Murphy, April 29, Tampa, Fla. He is an investments advisor with Robert W. Baird & Co. ■ **BIRTHS: Barry D. and June Posey Davis**, a son, Benjamin Caleb, Cary, N.C. ■ **Todd and Jane Harris Downey**, a son, Julian Thompson, February 21, Columbia, S.C. ■ **Kevin and Tamela Gallman Keller**, a daughter, Kathryn Elise, October 7, Greenville. ■ **Brent and Linda Murray** '88 **Kelly**, a daughter, Laura Caroline, December 30, Concord, N.C. ■ **Hunter and Mary DruAnn Byrom Lutinski**, a daughter, Katherine Jane, December 30, Annandale, Va. ■ **Jeffrey S. and Rebecca Takac**, a son, Noah Morgan, November 5, Pace, Fla. ■ **Tracy F. and Julie Poole Telenko**, a daughter, Abigail Joyce, March 4, Wake Forest, N.C. Julie Telenko is an operations administrator for the CDI Corporation and is pursuing a degree in history at North Carolina State University.

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MARRIAGE: EveLyn Mantz

Rea and Bernard Wedge, Jr., August 21, 1999. Lyn Wedge is comptroller at SBM, a Gates/Arrow Company in Duluth, Ga., and her husband is a partner and regional manager of Southeast Area Information Systems Assurance & Advisory Services with Ernst & Young in Atlanta. ■ **BIRTHS: John and Beth Lanning Gore**, a son, Thomas James, September 7, Augusta, Ga. ■ **Christopher and Judy Hardt**, a daughter, Madeleine, March 12, Hudson, Ohio. ■ **Scott and Mary Spear Prentice**, twins, Joshua Spear, November 2, and Paul Chalmers, November 3, Solomons, Md.

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John F. Castile is an assistant to the Greenville city manager. He works with special events and has recently focused his efforts on the U.S. Census. ■ **Donald L. Hite, Jr.**, and his production company were featured in the *Savannah* (Ga.) *Morning News*. The company's most recent big-name event in Savannah was a concert by Eartha Kitt. ■ **John G. Kennedy** is plant manager for Industrial Molding Corporation, a plastics manufacturer in Lubbock, Texas. ■ **BIRTHS: Glenn B. and Laura Harkey Baldwin**, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, March 28, Los Angeles, Calif. ■ **Kristen Kyburg Brock and Hamilton M. Brock** '91, a son, Benjamin Mackey, April 20, Lookout Mountain, Tenn. ■ **Christopher D. and Carolyn DeJarnett**, a daughter, Susanna Leigh, November 15, Homewood, Ala. Chris DeJarnett is a principal of a consulting company owned by Xerox. ■ **George and Chandler Park Francis**, a daughter, Madeleine Emily, March 24, Raleigh, N.C. ■ **Jeff Mather and Amy Snowden-Mather**, a daughter, Grace Snowden Mather, April 18, Decatur, Ga.

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David S. Cobb has become a shareholder in the Charleston, S.C., law firm of Turner, Padgett, Graham & Laney, P.A. He is a civil trial lawyer in state and federal courts. ■ **Pamela Grams Eatmon and Michael Eatmon** '91 live in Orlando, Fla., where he

has been ordained to the Diaconate in the Anglican Church in America. ■ **Mark and Elizabeth Hicks Greene** live in Lawndale, N.C. She teaches in the Shelby (N.C.) City Schools and is pursuing a master's degree at Converse College. ■ **Terry A. Hauser** has assumed a new job as assistant director for neurogenomics with Cogent, a start-up biotech company in Durham, N.C. ■ **Robert H. "Mac" McLaughlin** is a manager for ClubCorp and associate manager of Capital City Club in Raleigh, N.C. ■ **R. Tideman and Nicole Miller** '92 **Penland** are stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he is assigned to the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service, Judge Advocate General Corps. ■ **L. Matt Pittman** of Greenville has been promoted to vice president/controller in charge of financial reporting at First Federal Bank. ■ **J.P. Royer III**, a fourth-grade teacher at Midway Elementary School of the Performing Arts in Sanford, Fla., has been named Elementary Teacher of the Year for Seminole County. He has created a working partnership between his classes and the cast of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" stage show at the Disney World MGM Studios. ■ **Jon E. Smith** is pastor of Hamilton Baptist Church in Aiken, S.C. His wife, **Amy Mizell Smith**, works in In-Home Prevention Services for Seniors for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. ■ **Garrett K. and Kimberly Gough** '92 **Tompkins** live in Greenville where he is president of The Kidder Group, Inc. ■ **Paul and Elizabeth Sides** '91 **Wallace** live in Rome, Ga. He is an assistant professor of physics and astronomy at Berry College. ■ **MARRIAGE: Amy Eileen Jones and Randolph Barry DePrince**, April 8, Greenville. Amy DePrince is a psychiatrist with Greenville Psychiatry and her husband is a research biochemist with Glaxo Wellcome. ■ **BIRTHS: Jody and Megan Galloway Lomel**, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, December 16, Ocala, Fla. ■ **Davis and Jennifer Mauldin**, a son, Jacob Davis, July 6, 1999, Atlanta, Ga. ■ **O. Keith and Jennifer Morris**, a son, Matthew Keith, May 4, Hudson, Ohio. Keith Morris has been promoted

to director of marketing and communications for Heidelberg Distributing Company. ■ **Gena Shore Smith and William Darr Smith** '91, a son, Hunter Hamilton, March 5, Atlanta, Ga.

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Newton B. Collinson IV has moved to Atlanta, Ga., and become associate marketing director of INVESCO, an institutional marketing group whose focus is corporations, endowments and foundations in the Southeast. ■ **Christopher D. Miller** of Lexington, Ky., is an attorney with Rambicure, Miller, Kuebler & Pisacano, P.S.C. ■ **Jeff O'Shields** (M.A. '95) lives in Irmo, S.C., and teaches biology and pre-physics at Dutch Fork High School. ■ **Michelle Elaine Parks** of Columbia, S.C., is a teacher at Irmo High School. ■ **Michael Dunton Wyatt** is an assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of South Carolina. ■

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MARRIAGE: **Barbara Koosa** and James Hugh Ryan III, May 1999. She is a CPA-tax manager with Arthur Andersen LLP in Columbia, S.C. ■

BIRTHS: **Page Anderson** and Daniel J. Whitaker, a daughter, Tessa Anderson Whitaker, May 19. Having completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University School of Medicine, Page Anderson is a psychologist in Atlanta, Ga., and heads a federally funded treatment study.

■ **Michael and Tracy Jones Barnhart**, a son, Noah Christian, November 30, Mount Pleasant, S.C. ■ **Gregory H. and Shannon Rhodes Hill**, a daughter, Blair, Nashville, Tenn. Greg Hill is vice president for writer/artist development at EMI Music Publishing. ■ **Joel and Melanie Stulce Hunter**, a daughter, Sophia Grace, February 15, Lexington, Ky. ■ **Glenn and Megan Donovan Shealy**, a daughter, Rachel Donovan, November 24, Little Mountain, S.C. ■ **Joseph and Laura Saunders Werner**, a son, Jack Richard, September 18, Hewitt, N.J.

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Leslie Clugston Andres of Charlotte, N.C., who has been teaching high school English in the Rock Hill (S.C.) School District, has moved to Lake Norman Charter School in Huntersville, N.C. ■ **Sheri Olson Brotherton** of Wildwood, Mo., is a casualty claims analyst with the Auto Club of Missouri. ■ **Brian Davis** has become vice president for consulting services with DeWolff, Boberg & Associates, Inc., in Baltimore, Md. ■ **Gregory G. Fann**, who served as the Kentucky state coordinator for the Alan Keyes 2000 Presidential Campaign, is a pricing actuary for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield and is also an agent for Rick Shaw Realtors. ■ **Sabrina Stockman Fowler** has been promoted to associate account manager by the Leslie Agency, an integrated marketing communications firm in Greenville. ■ **MARRIAGE:**

Sean Hannon and **Michelle Compton**, June 1999. They live in Westfield, N.J., where she is assistant vice president of direct marketing for the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Brian D. and Jamie M. Case**, a son, Caleb Shaw, December 12, Chattanooga, Tenn. Brian Case is the eighth-grade football coach and middle school athletics director at the McCallie School. ■ **Jackie and Manning Connors III**, a son, Austin William, September 29, Greensboro, N.C. (This corrects an item in the spring issue.) ■ **Bruce and Bonnie Brown '93 Leicht**, a son, Rabun Bates, February 25, Macon, Ga. ■ **Jim and Maribeth Pollock Loynes**, a daughter, Anna Marie, December 24. They have moved to Concord, N.H., where Maribeth Loynes joined the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic as an obstetrician/gynecologist. ■ **Jeffrey S. and Jessica C. Patterson**, a daughter, Caroline Joanne, January 13, Columbia, S.C. ■ **Norman K., Jr., and Linda Smith Richardson**, a daughter, Maria Kates, April 28, 1999, Mableton, Ga. Norman Richardson is manager of software operations for NewEnergy Associates. ■ **Homero and Susan Whisman Ybarra**, a son, Samuel James, December 30, Brownsville, Texas. Susan Ybarra is program manager for the Chrysler account at Trico Products Corporation.

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Steven A. and Karen Compton live in Seneca, S.C., where he is the pastor of Ann Hope Methodist Church. He has begun seminary studies after being awarded a full scholarship to Emory University's Candler School of Theology. ■ **Hilary K. Eaton** of Manhattan, Kan., recently completed a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from JILA, a research and teaching institute at the University of Colorado in Boulder. ■ **Susan K. Freeman**, a Ph.D. candidate at Ohio State University, is one of 15 recipients chosen from 257 candidates to

receive Woodrow Wilson-Johnson & Johnson dissertation grants funded by Johnson & Johnson Companies. The \$2,000 grants support research for doctoral dissertations on topics in women's and children's health. ■ **S. Russell Merritt** has been named director of college counseling at the Westminster Schools of Augusta, Ga. ■

Miranda T. Tumlin is a consultant with SAP America in Austin, Texas. ■ **MARRIAGE:** **Shannon Elizabeth Wilkerson** and William Marvin Wilson III, May 20, Saluda, N.C. They live in Greenville where she is alumni director at Furman and he is a judicial law clerk to the Hon. Henry M. Herlong, Jr. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Michael and Wendy Cannon Bell**, a son, Jared Thomas, March 7, Columbia, S.C. Wendy Bell is a forensics toxicologist with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. ■ **Erik and Allison Bridwell Leaver**, a daughter, Reilly Allison, December 11, Silver Spring, Md. Erik Leaver is a project associate with the Institute for Policy Studies and Allison Leaver is a special educator in the Montgomery County (Md.) Public Schools. ■ **Russell A. and Mary Margaret Stearns Shepherd**, a son, Tucker Harrison, February 17, Hershey, Pa. ■ **Carl and Julia Willingham Townsend**, a daughter, Helen Grayson, November 9, Austin, Texas. Julia Townsend is a planner/analyst in Austin's Seton Healthcare Network and her husband works for Dell Computer Company.

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Having completed her Ph.D. in computer science at Florida State University, **Kristin L. Adair** now lives in Albuquerque, N.M., and works on the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratory. ■ **J. Scott and Mary Beth Jones Adams** are preparing to move to Southeast Asia in September after Scott Adams completes his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. ■ **Daniel J. Benton** has become senior software engineer with Encore Development in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Hannah F.E. Bright** lives in Manhattan Beach, Calif., where she works as a human resources manager for UCB Pharma, Inc.

Letters to the Editor

I really enjoyed the spring issue of *Furman* magazine on students' foreign travel. I was especially impressed with Karen Guth's article on South Africa's paradoxes and the realities that tourists never see. It was a moving commentary on how black Africans have been treated for centuries on their own continent and lands.

I hope Karen will look at graduate schools in international studies and continue her interest in Africa, where so much healing is needed from the racism that separates us all from a global society of peace. Her article was moving, well written and intelligently thoughtful.

Thank you for dedicating so much of this issue to the foreign studies program. I have never been able to quantify all that I learned, experienced and enjoyed during my time studying in England in 1970 while I was at Furman, but it was truly the most important part of my education during my four years as an undergraduate.

— Laura Muckenfuss '73
Washington, D.C.

The stories in the spring issue of *Furman* magazine were outstanding. I learned more about Collegiate Educational Service Corps than I ever knew as a student, and it makes me very proud of Furman students to learn that half of the student body participates in the program. I was also touched by the news of Mr. Williams' lost ring being found and returned after almost 50 years.

It is so nice to read positive, uplifting articles when today's newspapers and magazines always dwell on the negative and destructive. Thanks for the work that you do in putting together this publication for alumni and friends.

— Fred McKay '84
Rock Hill, S.C.

■ **Stephanie P. Johnson** has completed a national tour with the Western Opera Theater and returned to San Francisco for a production of *Albert Herring*, after which she will perform Violetta in *La Traviata* with the Central City Opera and Donna Anna in *Don Giovanni* with the Indianapolis Opera. ■ **E. Alec Karry** of Centreville, Va., finished his M.B.A. degree at George Washington University and his M.I.S. at Johns Hopkins University. He is a senior technology consultant with Booz Allen & Hamilton. ■ **Allison Kelly** lives in Springfield, Va., and is a music therapist working with children with emotional disabilities in the Fairfax County Public Schools. ■ **Shea W. Sherbert** is working with the Furman military science department on a government contract to recruit ROTC students. ■ **Michael J. Wautlet**, who earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech, entered the U.S. Navy's submarine program and is assistant engineering officer aboard the USS Honolulu, SSN 718, in Pearl Harbor. ■ **Teresa V. Wyatt** has become director of government affairs and public relations with the South Carolina State Accident Fund. ■ **Andrew** and **Christianne Zentgraf Yenser** live in Simpsonville, S.C. He is employed by DataStream Systems and she is an assistant controller with AIMCO. ■ **Julie Yoder** of Washington, D.C., has completed her master's degree in linguistics and her graduate certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Carol Abbey** (M.Ed. '95) and **Christopher Harig** '95, September 24. They live in Redmond, Wash., where he works for MSNBC.com and she is a teacher and tennis instructor. ■ **Anne Neil Chalker** and **Christopher Joseph Piccone**, December 31. They live in Safety Harbor, Fla., where she is executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. He is an English teacher and private tutor at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Fla. ■ **Kerry Harike** and **Jim Joedecke**, April 8. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where she is an attorney with Rogers & Hardin. ■ **James Wallace Mann** and **Kara Lee Flynn**, May 13, Charlotte, N.C.

She is a social worker with Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte and he is a sales coordinator at Maersk Sealand. ■ **Christine Marie Howard** and **Lance King Plumblee**, May 6, Greenville. She is an attorney and he is employed by Old Forest Software in Greenville. ■ **ADOPTION:** **Thomas and Rebecca Collins Kelly**, a son, Alexander Andrey Kelly, born August 8, 1998; adopted September 24, 1999. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Jason M.** and **Rebekah Ensley**, a daughter, Annie, January 28, Morristown, Tenn. Jason Ensley is an associate with the law firm of Wimberly Lawson & Seale, PLLC. ■ **James D.** and **Steffanie Louise Gentry Martin**, a son, James Durham IV, October 26, Greenville. ■ **Eric A.** and **Parker Flippin** '96 **Vander Ploeg**, a daughter, Rorie Mills, February 24. Eric Vander Ploeg is pastor of Blackberry Creek Community Church in Aurora, Ill.

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Rob and **Amy Joye Bailey** live in Louisville, Ky. He is in medical sales and she teaches music at a private school. ■ **Steven** and **Karin Walsh Faulkner** live in Sonoma County, Calif., where he works for Cisco Systems and she is a marketing communications manager for a computer hardware company. ■ **W. Bowman Ferguson** lives in Rockville, Md., where he recently became projects implementation coordinator for the city. ■ **Kasia Hagemajer**, a Ph.D. candidate in classics at Princeton University, is the recipient of a \$15,500 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The award, which went to 35 of 416 applicants, goes to graduate students examining ethical or religious issues. Her dissertation topic is "Philobarbarism: A Study in Greek Interchanges with the Non-Greeks in the Fourth Century B.C." ■ **Vance Jenkins** (M.A.) has joined the Washington, D.C., firm of Witeck-Combs Communications as senior communications strategist. He has been invited to play an organ concert for the

Episcopal Church of America during Labor Day weekend. ■ **C. Randy** and **Melissa Lee** live in Greenville where he is a systems analyst for Proactive Technology. ■ **Allison M. Lehman** of Atlanta, Ga., is a department leader for Election 2000 Coverage with Turner Broadcasting. ■ **David J. Owens**, a member of the St. George, S.C., town council, is a candidate for the South Carolina House of Representatives. ■ **John T. Ramey** has graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina and is a resident in internal medicine at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. His wife, **Mikki Streight** '96 **Ramey**, has received her master's degree in school counseling from The Citadel. ■ **Valerie E. Rumbough** has been named vice president of finance for the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina. ■ After graduating from the Savannah College of Art and Design and free-lancing as a graphic designer, art director and white-water rafting guide, **Clarke R. Scott** has joined nschool.com as a graphic artist. ■ **David W.** and **Tiina Tervo** '96 **Thames** live in Sugar Hill, Ga. He is an accountant with Jackson, Reece & Scott, P.C. ■ **Shana N. Turner** of Nashville, Tenn., is pursuing a master's degree in speech pathology. ■ **James B. Warren** of Birmingham, Ala., has become an account executive with NBC. His wife, **Julie Dobbins** '96 **Warren**, teaches in Mountain Brook (Ala.) City Schools and coaches cross country and track. ■ **Scott C.** and **Leslie Edwards** '97 **Weikle** live in Beckley, W.Va., where she is an account manager for WVSX-Fox 59 TV. ■ **Geoffrey P. Wright** is the Help Desk administrator for Creek Pointe Computers at O'Neal Engineering in Greenville. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Bridget Biltgen** and **D. Britt Faunce III**, January 22. They live in Alpharetta, Ga.; she owns a store, Uncommon Scents, and he is a financial specialist with First Union. ■ **Robert J. Grandizio** and **Pamela Lee Paulson**, August 1999. He is a personal trainer, teaches health and physical education, and coaches football, wrestling and baseball at Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, Pa. She

is studying criminal justice at Duquesne University. ■ **Holly Grant McDaniel** and **George Edward Orr, Jr.**, March 18, Greenville. He is vice president of EMM Inc. in Anderson, S.C. ■ **Kimberly P. McEwen** and **John S. Gravely**, December 11. ■ **Margaret S. Smith** and **Eric Schroeder**, April 1999. She is a law student at the University of Oregon. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Jason** and **Sarah Richardson Bentzler**, a son, Casey Harrison, February 14, Wilmington, N.C. ■ **Jason** and **Carroll Roe Farmer**, a daughter, Frances Whitmire, October 14, Greenville. ■ **Kevin** and **Marisa Edwards Ray**, a daughter, Brittany Lin, February 23, Thomasville, N.C.

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Gerrit Albert, a marketing specialist with Braniger Co. in Savannah, Ga., has been named one of the city's Top 20 Community Leaders Under the Age of Forty by the *Savannah Morning News*. ■ **Jonathan F.** and **Lori Lucas Bassett** live in McDonough, Ga. He is a graduate research assistant at Georgia State University, where he recently completed a master's thesis and is now pursuing a Ph.D. She is a genetics counselor at Emory University. ■ **Kim A. Bourret** received her master's degree in physical therapy from the Medical College of Virginia and works at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Richmond, Va. ■ **Allen H. Cooper** of Easley, S.C., is a counselor/tutor at Spartanburg Technical College while completing the counselor education program at the University of South Carolina. ■ **Robert E. Harris** is an eighth-grade teacher in Clarke County, Ga., School District and has completed graduate work at the University of Georgia in the field of special education. ■ **Rebecca L. Jones** of Sugar Hill, Ga., has become a physician practice support specialist with the Northeast Georgia Health System, Inc., in Gainesville. ■ **Aubrey V. Lee Knighton** has been transferred to Atlanta, Ga., by GE Medical Systems. She is the Southeast Zone Process Leader for the company. ■ **David F. McElhannon** is a mechanical

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engineer with Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah, Ga. ■ **Chris and Julie Prince Pari** live in Easley, S.C. She is assistant sports information director at Clemson University and he is an athletic trainer at J.L. Mann High School in Greenville. ■ **Kevin B. Powell** has accepted a position as financial analyst with Protective Life Corporation in Birmingham, Ala. ■ **John Snelson** of Frankfort, Ky., is a legislative analyst with the Legislative Research Commission-Commonwealth of Kentucky. ■ **Kevin C. Steiner**, who has lived and worked in China for two years, is now in Boston, Mass., where he is an on-line account representative for Kluwer Academic Publishers. ■ **Patricia E. White** of Atlanta, Ga., is adjunct instructor, counselor and assistant director for the American Humanities program at Clayton College & State University. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Laura Blossom** and Allen Tubbs,

March 4. They live in Doraville, Ga. ■ **Will Collins Hartzog** and Stephanie Nicole Miner, May 6. They live in Greenville where he works as a sales representative for Happy Hart Sales, the Libman Corporation and Hartline. She is a social worker for Thornwell Home and School for Children. ■ **Harry Buist Mays III** and **Ellen Ackerman Rowell**, March 4, Greenville. She is an environmentalist with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in Pickens and he is choir director and organist at Northside United Methodist Church in Greenville. ■ **Sean Rogers** and **Leslie Coates** '99, May 15, 1999, Greenville. She is working toward a master's degree at the University of Georgia. ■ **Paige Nicole Sutton** and Steven Donald Smith, April 29, Edisto Island, S.C. ■ **Kristin Allison Tankersley** and Kevin Michael Berry, April 22, Irmo, S.C. They live in Mount Pleasant, S.C., where he is an

engineer at Earthsource Engineering. She attends the Medical University of South Carolina. ■ **BIRTHS:** David and **Laura E. Carriere Axelson**, a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, February 27, Dunwoody, Ga. ■ **Christopher R.** and **Cari Marsh** '97 **Sampers**, a son, Evan Christopher, February 18, Dacula, Ga. Chris Sampers is a managing partner with Sampers Financial, Inc., in Atlanta, Ga.

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Tanya L. Foster of Jackson, Miss., received her M.A. in marriage and family therapy from Reformed Theological Seminary in January. ■ **Brad Harmon** of Columbia, S.C., completed his master's degree in higher education administration at the University of South Carolina in May and continues to work with first-year programs at the university. ■ **Chad M.** and **Brandy Dwyer Huneycutt** live in Atlanta, Ga. He is pursuing his Ph.D. in computer science and she teaches. ■ **Tanisha Naté Jackson** is pursuing a Master of Information Technology degree

at the American InterContinental University in Atlanta, Ga. She is an application analyst with Patient Care Technologies, Inc. ■ **Robert C. "Sonny" Jones**, who has been living in Sumter, S.C., and working for the Tuomey Healthcare System, has been accepted to medical school beginning this fall. ■ **Kelly Elizabeth McGinnis** is the American Red Cross station manager for Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. ■ **Brian O'Quinn** is an instructional technology coordinator and science teacher in Saluda County (S.C.) School District One. ■ **Brandy A. Ray** was the subject of a feature story in the *Rock Hill (S.C.) Evening Herald* titled "Music teacher taps middle schoolers' uncharted talents." She teaches strings at Rawlinson Road and Sullivan middle schools and is working on a master's degree at Winthrop University. ■ After working as a copywriter for the ABD Group ad agency in Chicago, Ill., **Heather M. Sandison** has started law school at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. ■ **James Alan Sharrer** of Rohnert Park, Calif., has completed his candidacy for an M.A. in communications from Wheaton (Ill.) Graduate School. ■ **Joshua S. Trevino** has become an editorial producer at Screaming Media in Brooklyn, N.Y. He has also launched a "webzine," which can be accessed at Stakhanov.com. ■ **Claudia Wood** is working on her Ph.D. in economics at Vanderbilt University. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Jennie Randall** and **Kenneth M. Dwyer** '98, January 8, Greenville. ■ **Richard Sizemore** and Yvette T. Perez, March 25, Macon, Ga. He graduated from Mercer University Law School in May and will begin a federal clerkship in U.S. District Court in Georgia this fall. ■ **BIRTH:** **Joel and Shannon Wilson Hathaway**, a son, Jonah Franklin, April 4, Atlanta, Ga. Joel Hathaway is a missions project administrator for Mission to the World.

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Elizabeth A. Bielefeld has become a sales representative for Water Technologies in Provo,

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It didn't take long for Heather Hudson to learn what her first job would be after graduating from Furman.

On July 9, just six weeks after receiving her Furman degree in vocal performance, she was crowned Miss South Carolina. Hudson, who was Miss Tigertown in the state pageant, will travel to Atlantic City in October to take her shot at the Miss America title. The finals will be held October 14 and aired on ABC.

The state title provides Hudson much more than a chance at the fame and experience the big prize brings. It comes with a \$20,000 scholarship and the opportunity to travel the state (and perhaps the country) over the next year promoting

a program called "America's Promise — the Alliance for Today's Youth." Hudson chose the program, which was founded by Gen. Colin Powell and is designed to provide children the fundamentals they need to make positive choices in life, as her public service platform.

A former South Carolina Junior Miss, Hudson sang the Italian love song "Con Te Partiro" ("Time to Say Goodbye"), by Francesco Sartori and Lucio Quarantotto, in the talent competition. Valedictorian of her high school class, she was a Herring Scholar, Palmetto Fellow and Coca-Cola Scholar at Furman.

Utah. ■ **Matthew H. Black** is an assistant account executive with Momentum IMC, representing such clients as General Mills, Wal-mart, Kmart, Coca-Cola and ESPN. ■ **Kyle D. Bumgardner** is an account executive with Osprey in Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Jamie C. Gilkerson** has moved to Lake, Mich., where she is an education administrator in the Charter Schools office of Central Michigan University. ■ **Marie Griscom** of Tallahassee, Fla., has completed her Master of Public Health degree. ■ **Joshua E. Holmes** of Charleston, S.C., is pursuing an M.B.A. degree at The Citadel. ■ **Valerie Horsley** lives in Atlanta, Ga., and is pursuing her Ph.D. in biochemistry at Emory University. ■ **Margaret Elizabeth Jackson** is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Tennessee. ■ **John Jacobs** is operations manager for Southeastern Freight Lines in Atlanta, Ga. His band, "Stunt Midget," has recently recorded a CD. ■ **Jeremy T. Koch** is a graduate student in chemistry and a research assistant at the University of Kansas. ■ **Jennifer A. Lentini** has begun studies at the Medical University of South Carolina. ■ **George E. Linney III** has become year-round director at Camp Illabee in Brevard, N.C. ■ **Kiana K. Matthews** completed her Master of Science degree in computer science at the University of Colorado-Boulder in December and is pursuing further graduate study in human computer interaction at Carnegie Mellon

University. ■ **Jeff J. McGehee** has been promoted to branch manager at American Federal Bank in Greenville. ■ **Stephanie Young McGoldrick** of Orlando, Fla., is director of corporate wellness programs for the Wellness Institute of Central Florida. ■ **Evan Melcher** of Maitland, Fla., has completed his first year at the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College and is president of the school's M.B.A. Association. He interned this summer in the Global Investment Division at the headquarters of Northern Trust in Chicago, Ill. ■ **Thomas Phillips**, a student at the Medical University of South Carolina, has completed his second year of study and has been elected president of student government. ■ **Matt R. Rissman**, previously technical services coordinator in computing and information services at Furman, is now project coordinator for NewSouth Communications in Greenville. ■ **Todd Michael Shirley** is a certified surgical assistant at the Mayo Clinic and Foundation in Rochester, Minn. ■ **Steven D. "Wally" Wallace** is a programmer/analyst with Jobscope Corporation in Greenville and, with a couple of friends, has begun a juggling club. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Jennifer Marie Cox** and Charles Roper Jeter, Jr., March 4, Charleston, S.C. They live in Greenville where she is account manager at Maxim Group and he is executive vice president at Union Sports. ■ **Allein Patton**

Hickman and Stephanie Jo Hogan, May 20. They live in Spartanburg, S.C., where he works with Campus Outreach as campus minister at Wofford College. She is a campus minister with Campus Outreach in Greenville.

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Nathaniel W. Cochran has completed his first year of law school at Mercer University. ■ **Alison J. Cunnold** is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. ■ **Jeffrey W. DeLoach** of Hinesville, Ga., is pursuing a law degree at the University of Georgia. ■ **John S. Ertter** has become assistant director of public relations at York College of Pennsylvania. ■ **Ann Fitz**, a paralegal in an Atlanta, Ga., law firm, has begun her first year of law school at Mercer University. ■ **Jonathan M. Kendall** is living in Buford, Ga., and attending law school. ■ **Mitchell T. Kizer** of Monroe, Mich., is a district sales manager with Kincaid Furniture Company. ■ **Ryan Lewis** has completed the first year of a Master of Music program in percussion performance at Florida State University. He is a graduate teaching assistant and an assistant conductor of the FSU Percussion Ensemble. ■ **Scott McMillan** is in sales with the Wyatt Seal Company of Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Margaret Slowikowski** is pursuing a master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology at the

University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and working as a legal assistant in the Sandra Y. Benton Law Office in Hixson, Tenn. For the summer, she interned for a recruiting firm in Pittsburgh, Pa. ■ **Kathryn Smith** works in religious education in two Dominican Republic villages. ■ **Scott Solkofske**, who is working on a Master of Music degree in saxophone performance at Michigan State University, teaches saxophone and clarinet at the Jackson (Mich.) Community Music School. ■ **Katja Wolski** is a research assistant in biology at the University of South Florida. She plans to start a Ph.D. program in anatomy at USF this fall. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Mary Beth Mitchell** and Jonathan Richerson, July 1999. They live in Louisville, Ky., where she is an elementary teacher in the Shelby County Public Schools. ■ **Kathryn Alston Shaw** and Robert Boyte Crawford Howell, May 13. They live in Atlanta, Ga. She is employed at Socket Public Relations and he is president of AquaSur Trading.

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294-2106
Furman Fund
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Graduate Studies
294-2213
Parents Programs
294-2081

For other administrative office numbers, call the main number or visit the Furman Web site (www.furman.edu) and follow the faculty/staff link to the campus phone directory.

DEATHS

Ammye Leadholt Campbell '17, December 29, Fairfax, S.C.

Eleanor Southern Hill '20, February 15, Greenville. She taught in Greenville County and Easley, S.C., schools and served as a high school librarian for many years. She was active in church work, teaching Sunday school for over 40 years.

Howard M. Reaves '22, April 24, Mobile, Ala. Reaves retired from Mobile's First Baptist Church in 1971 and had served as pastor emeritus of the congregation since that time. He was a past president of the Mobile Baptist Pastors' Conference and the Mobile Ministerial Association and was a member of the steering committee that led to the founding of Mobile College. He was a member and president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, member and vice chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee, and president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Montague "Montie" Thomas Coleman '26, March 8, Conway, S.C. He was a retired county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration. He was active in his church and the Senior Citizens Bridge Group and was a member of the Conway Kiwanis Club.

Margaret Kinard Keitt '26, March 18, Newberry, S.C. She had been a teacher in the Newberry County public school system.

Eleanor Woods Bull '28, March 6, Columbia, S.C. She taught school in Richland County (S.C.) School District Two and served as coordinator of instruction and supervision. After retirement, she worked for the National Retired Teachers Association and taught in the G.E.D. program at Fort Jackson. She was active in

her church and was a Sunday school teacher.

J.V. Cooke '30, February 9, Orangeburg, S.C. He served as a Boy Scouts executive in Spartanburg, S.C., and Greenville. He was also a district scout executive in Dothan, Ala., and the Pee Dee area of South Carolina, and he was a member of Kiwanis for over 50 years.

William Elsworth Phelps, Jr. '32, March 25, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army, was the retired owner of Piedmont Shoe Company and was active in his church and the Greenville Lions Club.

Christine Jones LeFevre '35 (M.A. '54), December 21, Easley, S.C. She taught Latin, French and English at Easley High School until her retirement and was an early advocate for the rights of the mentally handicapped in Pickens County, S.C.

Barbara Campbell Coggins '36, March 19, Inman, S.C. She was active in her church and was a member of the Louise Blake Garden Club and the Athenaeum Book Club.

James W. Workman, Sr. '36, March 2, Union, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he practiced law in Union for 50 years and served as Union County Court Judge for eight years.

Ruth Latham Gilstrap '37, March 18, Baltimore, Md.

William N. Hackney '38, April 27, Greenville. A veteran of World War II, he retired as a district sales manager for Bird & Son, Inc. He was active in his church and in civic and community organizations, including Kiwanis and Sertoma clubs.

Eva Lou Elrod Hines '38, March 6, Greenville. She was active in her church, was a member of the Greenville Women's Club and volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

George Watkins Lathem '38 (M.A. '39), February 17, Greenville. A former assistant registrar at Furman, he was an educator and administrator in South Carolina schools for 42 years. He was active in Greenville's First Baptist Church and volunteered with the Berea (S.C.) Lions Club, Meals on Wheels and Boys Home of the South. For 35 years he was heard on WESC radio on Sunday mornings with his weekly Sunday school lesson.

Pauline Simpson Mickelsen '40 (M.A. '63), March 3, Greenville. She was an elementary school teacher and principal in Greenville County schools for 35 years and was a member of Greenville Women's Club, Crescent Garden Club, Dellwood Club, South Carolina Education Association, Alpha Delta Kappa professional sorority and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Margaret M. Cash '41, February 7, Cowpens, S.C. She taught first grade for 31 years and also taught armed services personnel returning from World War II. She was active in her church and was a member of the Cowpens Garden Club and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Joyce B. Huskey '42, March 11, Greenville.

James T. Ethridge '46, April 8, Greenville. He had served as a Naval aviator in World War II and the Korean War and was former president of Ethridge Construction Company.

Fred D. Cox, Jr. '47, May 16, Belton, S.C. An Army veteran of World War II, he received his law degree from Harvard in 1950 and returned to South Carolina to practice law in Greenville with the firm of Haynsworth, Marion, McKay & Guerard until his retirement.

Royce Woods Floyd '48, April 8, Greenwood, S.C.

Mildred Wright Logan '48, April 20, Florence, S.C. She was a teacher and administrator in a

number of elementary schools in Jacksonville, Fla., for 30 years and was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Lewis Norman McDaniel '48, March 15, Johnston, S.C. He served in the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

Emma Barnett Loumos Kavounis '49, March 26, Potomac, Md. She was a former receptionist with Liberty Life Corporation in Greenville.

J. Don Lee, Sr. '49, April 4, Piedmont, S.C. He was an Army veteran, was owner/operator of Lee Surveying and Engineering of Williamston, S.C., and was associated with J.E. Sirrine Company and Enwright and Bount International.

Carlton Miller Robinson '49, April 24, Greenville. He had served as pastor of a number of Baptist churches in South Carolina before retiring from Overbrook Baptist Church in Greenville as associate pastor. He had been clerk of the York and Greenville Baptist associations, vice president and president of the South Carolina Pastors Conference and a member of the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Joseph Roy Eller '50, April 4, Weaverville, N.C. He was an Army veteran of World War II, was the former director of Welfare of Caldwell County, N.C., and retired as assistant director of the Juvenile Evaluation Center of Swannanoa, N.C. He served as Sunday school teacher and deacon in a number of Baptist churches in North Carolina.

Marion Patrick McDonald, Sr. '50, May 3, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery during World War II and was former vice president and branch manager of Conklin Metal Industries. He was also a member of the Sertoma Club and was active in his church.

Branson Coward Wiggins '50, February 1, Florence, S.C. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II and a retired minister. He pastored churches in Tennessee, Ohio and South Carolina, was chaplain with the Effingham (S.C.) American Legion, and was a member of the Florence County Ministerial Association.

Bonnie Casey Frye '52, February 17, Winston-Salem, N.C. She was a high school and junior high school teacher, was a sales representative for a publishing company for 25 years and was active in her church.

A.D. Bennett '54, December 10, Holly Hill, S.C. A former Furman basketball player, he was a retired school administrator.

Jack S. Mullins '54, March 30, Columbia, S.C. He served in the U.S. Army as a Russian linguist in the Army Security Agency, followed by several years of teaching in South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. He was director of both the South Carolina Higher Education Facilities Commission and the Human Resources Division of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board and retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina as vice president of human resources.

Thomas E. Belcher '55, May 26, Greenville. Prior to his retirement, he was an insurance adjuster in the Greenville area for 30 years. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law.

G.B. Freeman '55, March 3, Easley, S.C. He served in the Baptist clergy as a pastor and as director of missions of the Piedmont Baptist Association until his retirement in 1983. He was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Billy Alton Meadows '55, January 25, Whiteville, N.C.

Walter I. Davis '56, May 9, Raleigh, N.C. A U.S. Army

veteran, he had operated Davis Mutual Drug Store in Raleigh for over 30 years at the time of his death.

Donald Eugene Gillespie '56, May 7, Richmond, Va. After serving as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he worked as a general agent for Liberty (Southern) Life for 30 years and as a broker for 13 years. He was a member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

Boyce Edgar Harrison '57, March 17, Enoree, S.C. He was an Army veteran of World War II, was a retired principal and teacher in Spartanburg County and was active in his church.

Otis Robert Hillyer '58, March 22, Easley, S.C.

James Roy Skinner '58, January 29, Greer, S.C. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War, was retired from accounting and sales with ITT in Spartanburg, S.C., and was active in his church and the Masons.

Clyde A. Bolt, Jr. '61, April 30, Anderson, S.C. He was owner and operator of Bolt Theatres.

Johnny B. Mostiler '69, April 1, Griffin, Ga. A lawyer and public defender in Spalding County, Ga., he served as president of the Spalding County Bar Association in 1985. He was a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association of Georgia and the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and was on the state board of directors of the Georgia affiliate of the American Heart Association. He was pro bono general counsel for the Georgia and the Southeast affiliates of the American Heart Association and was a tax attorney for the Office of Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service of Houston, Texas.

Mary Ebener Jenkins '75, May 5, Charleston, S.C. She was a psychiatrist with Westwood Psychiatric Associates in Charleston and was a member of the American and the South Carolina Medical associations

and the American and the South Carolina Psychiatric associations.

Joan Fallon Craig '77, May 1, Greenville. She was a personnel accountant for Greenville County School District.

Donnie Eugene Woody (M.A. '77), March 23, Pickens, S.C. He had taught at Pendleton High School and was an assistant

principal and teacher at Pickens High. He was a member of the South Carolina and the National Education associations and had been secretary of the Bethlehem Roanoke Water Commission.

John Edward Kehoe '79, November 8, Charlotte, N.C. He had been in the restaurant business for 20 years.

Special membership offer from Cliffs Communities

Furman and The Cliffs Communities, private, residential golf communities located north of the campus at the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains, have developed a strong partnership in recent years. Residents of The Cliffs at Glassy and Cliffs Valley have taken full advantage of what the university has to offer, while Furman has taken some of its continuing education classes to the Cliffs facilities so the residents can have easier access to them.

The partnership became even stronger this summer when The Cliffs Communities announced that it is offering Furman alumni, faculty and staff certain membership opportunities at special "Furman" rates. Ordinarily, membership is available only to property owners within The Cliffs Communities.

In particular, the Cliffs is offering two special membership opportunities — the Social Membership and the Valley Associate Membership.

The Social Membership provides for privileges at the clubs' various dining facilities, including The Cliffs at Glassy Clubhouse, Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards LakeHouse and Club Cottage, and the Cliffs Valley Clubhouse, which will open in October. The Valley Associate Membership provides for a

temporary golf membership at Cliffs Valley and for some reciprocal play at The Cliffs at Glassy and The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards.

Membership fees are reduced and a portion of the membership fees paid will be returned to the Furman Alumni Association. Regular monthly dues apply. The membership programs will be available on a limited basis.

The Cliffs at Glassy, Cliffs Valley and The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards are premier, private residential communities located between Greenville and Asheville, N.C. The Cliffs feature three championship golf courses, including The Cliffs at Glassy, which was named the "fourth most beautiful in the country" by *Golf Digest*. Ben Wright is the designer of the links-style course at Cliffs Valley, and Tom Fazio is the architect for The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards.

For more details about these special memberships, as well as information about fees and dues, visit Furman's Web site at www.furman.edu/admin/univrel/cliffs.htm. Those interested in taking advantage of the membership offer should call the Cliffs membership department at 864-895-0220 and ask for Patt Fero or Mimsy Demars.

A delicate balance

“Each student has a responsibility to respect the rights of every other student and to support the right of Furman University to establish institutional standards designed to achieve its goals and objectives.”

— *The Helmsman*

Since the beginning of higher education in America, colleges and universities have tried to balance students' desires for individual freedom with the responsibilities inherent in being a member of a community. Through the years, as colleges have attempted to maintain a certain level of control over student conduct, heated debates have frequently broken out between students and administrators as to how to assure the rights of individuals while creating a community of learning built on mutual respect, caring and responsibility.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, institutions took a hard-line approach to student life. Faculty served as disciplinarians and had the ultimate authority to prescribe rules of conduct — and to enforce them. Students had little voice in campus life.

In 1913, the Supreme Court issued a ruling (in the *Gott vs. Berea* case) that first applied the term “in loco parentis” to higher education — suggesting that schools, teachers and administrators had the right to act with parental authority while students are under their direction. The Court stated, “College authorities stand in loco parentis concerning the physical and moral welfare and mental training of the pupils, and we are unable to see why to that end they may not make any rule or regulation for the government or betterment of their pupils that a parent could do for their same purpose.” As a result, in loco parentis became the norm at Furman and other colleges, and remained so for many years.

Indeed, for years Furman women faced strict curfews, visitation between men and women in residence hall rooms took place only on special occasions (and with the doors wide open), dances were forbidden on campus, men were required to wear socks to class, and women could not wear shorts or slacks in the classroom or dining hall. Women even had to wear a raincoat over their shorts to and from physical education classes. As a student from 1962 to 1966, I thought that Furman had carried this in loco parentis bit way too far.

Of course, the societal upheavals of the '60s had a major impact on student life throughout higher education. As students began to assert their right to a voice in campus policies, many rules were liberalized — although I'm sure there are still plenty of Furman students who believe that the word “liberal” should never be associated with Furman's regulations.

Despite the changes over the years, though, debate continues on how to balance student desires for independence with their need for guidance. However,

the major concerns are no longer curfews, dress codes and campus dances. Instead, issues of tolerance, respect and acceptance have taken center stage as the general student population becomes increasingly diverse.

Another key question is alcohol. Intense media coverage of student deaths from excessive drinking has drawn attention to the use and abuse of alcohol among today's young people — and to what is perceived as a lack of institutional oversight.

In a recent Carnegie Foundation survey, college presidents cited student alcohol abuse as the foremost campus problem, the cause of rising legal liabilities and associated expenses, and the precipitant for numerous tragic deaths. Many schools have made the decision to prohibit alcohol on campus property. Furman's alcohol policy maintains the university's commitment to providing a campus environment that supports the educational program and promotes the general welfare of those within the university community. Within this context, we work very hard to educate students regarding the dangers of excessive drinking.

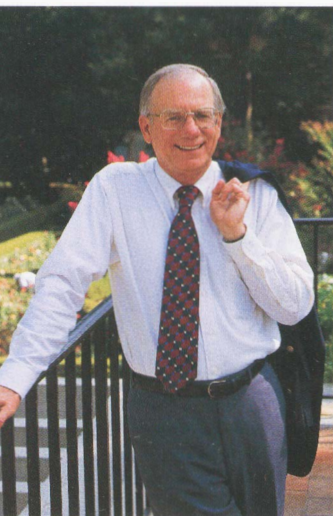
Recent court decisions make it clear that colleges and universities do have supervisory and protective responsibilities that go far beyond those of landlords or employers. So we continue to wrestle with the difficult distinction between governance and what students define as interference.

With this in mind, Furman has placed renewed emphasis on educating the whole person — intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. The university's strategic plan specifically addresses the need for faculty and staff to become better educated about the developmental stages of college-age students. In addition, a Community Relations Committee composed of all segments of the university is discussing ways to ensure a proper balance between individual rights and institutional standards.

Even though the doctrine of in loco parentis has gone the way of dress codes, Furman still strives to nurture students during four critical years of their lives — and to provide a safe, balanced learning environment that creates positive experiences for young people as they grow from adolescence to adulthood.

— **Harry B. Shucker**

Harry Shucker '66 is vice president for student services at Furman.





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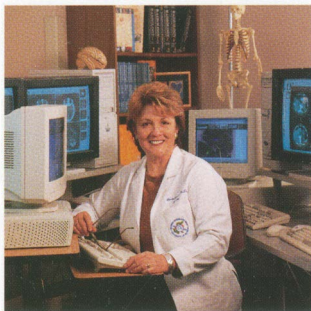
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The Road to the White House

The presidential race roared through Furman in February. Now, as the campaign enters its final months, here's what to expect — and why.

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Linda Lanier '71 helps medical educators publish their work electronically — and reach a wide audience.

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